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NEWSWATCH



Graf wins US Open

World number one Steffi Graf retained her US Open women's tennis title by beating Martina Navratilova 3-6, 6-1 in the final on Saturday.

Picture shows Graf reacts to her victory over Argentina's Gabriela Sabatini in a semifinal match on Sept. 8. (Reuter wirephoto)

Hit men captured

BOGOTA, Sept. 9. (Agencies): The Army said today it had captured four "hit men" from the Medellin cocaine cartel who doubled as bodyguards for the wife of fugitive drug kingpin Pablo Escobar.

Also today, a leading newspaper, citing inside military sources, reported new Army raids on properties linked to Colombia's No. 2 most-wanted drug baron, Gonzalo Rodriguez Gacha.

The 4th Army Brigade, in the cocaine centre of Medellin, said in a communiqué that as part of Colombia's vast anti-drug crackdown that began last month it had in custody the leaders of a Medellin terrorist gang called "Love for Medellin," after a local goodwill civic group.

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Reform bank law

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9. (Reuters): The United States will ask foreign governments to reform banking laws to combat drug money laundering through the world's banking system, US Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady said in a taped television interview today.

He said a treasury official will present specific recommendations at a Paris meeting of the major industrial democracies on Sept. 18.

Gorbachev warns

MOSCOW, Sept. 9. (Kun): Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev today warned against the current state of unrest, characterised by wide labour strikes and ethnic riots, saying it discredits perestroika.

Honecker surgery

HAMBURG, Sept. 9. (AP): Communist East German leader Erich Honecker is weak but recovering from successful gall bladder surgery, a West German magazine reported today.

The Hamburg-based *Der Spiegel* magazine, quoted unidentified sources in East Berlin, said Honecker was being treated in a hospital outside the East German capital.

The report contradicts recent reports from state-run East German media that the 77-year-old Honecker had been released from the hospital and was recovering at home.

Hurricane weakens

MIAMI, Sept. 9. (UPI): Hurricane Gabriele's weakened to 90 mph (145 kph), today as it moved over the North Atlantic in the direction of Nova Scotia, forecasters at the National Hurricane Centre said.

Gabriele was located well north of Bermuda, but continued to produce ocean swells that rolled onto the shores of the island and the US East Coast. The National Weather Service issued alerts for coastal areas from central Florida to New England.

Support for Swapo

NICOSIA, Sept. 9. (Reuters): President Ali Albar Hashemi Rafsanjani told the leader of the South West Africa People's Organisation (Swapo) today that he had Iran's full backing.

"Rest assured that we are beside you and ready to put our experience at your disposal," the Iranian news agency Iran quoted Rafsanjani as telling Sam Nujoma.

"We also attach great significance to the independence of Namibia and know that you will be facing many problems in the future," Rafsanjani said.

Official visit

BONN, Sept. 9. (Kun): India's President R. Venkataraman will pay an official visit to Bonn Sept. 17-22 at the invitation of West German President, a government spokesman said last night giving no other details.

'India to leave by Dec 31'

Lanka opposition seeks provisional govt

COLOMBO, Sept. 9. (Agencies): India has agreed to withdraw its peacekeeping troops from Sri Lanka by Dec. 31, two months earlier than it previously offered, a senior government official said today.

The agreement of the withdrawal date was reached by Indian and Sri Lankan officials during a meeting of non-aligned nations in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, the official said on condition of not being identified.

In New Delhi, an Indian Foreign Ministry spokesman said he had "no news" on the agreement.

"We will issue a joint communique when they (the Sri Lankan government) get in touch with us," said the spokesman, who cannot be identified under briefing rules.

Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi

announced yesterday in New Delhi the agreement on the pullout of the estimated 42,000 Indian soldiers from Sri Lanka's northeast.

Rajiv held at least two meetings in Belgrade with Sri Lankan Foreign Minister Ranjan Wijeratne, who led his country's delegation at the non-aligned meeting. Wijeratne had also met his Indian counterpart, P.V. Narasimha Rao, in Belgrade.

The Sri Lankan official said Wijeratne told President Ranasinghe Premadasa of the Indian proposals within hours of returning to Colombo today.

The government was "very likely" to approve the December withdrawal, the official said.

Neither government has made an official

announcement.

Premadasa has agreed to examine opposition demands, including wide-ranging constitutional reforms, aimed at restoring peace, a government statement said.

"All these proposals need careful study and examination with a view to achieving peace, normalcy and stability," the statement quoted Premadasa as telling leaders of five opposition parties last night.

The opposition is calling for a provisional government, the replacement of the presidential system of government, new elections and efforts to bring anti-government militants to the democratic mainstream.

Opposition leaders met with Premadasa before an all-party conference he is scheduled to convene on Wednesday.

Benjedid fires PM

Aide picked to form Algerian cabinet

ALGIERS, Sept. 9. (Reuters): Algerian President Chadli Benjedid sacked Prime Minister Kasdi Merbah today and replaced him with a senior presidential aide, the President's office announced.

A communiqué carried by the Algerian news agency APS said Benjedid had asked Mouloud Hamrouche, secretary-general of the presidency, to form a new cabinet.

"The President of the republic, after having received this morning Kasdi Merbah, announced he has terminated his functions," the statement said.

Merbah, appointed last November, had been charged with implementing sweeping reforms designed to transform Algeria from a one-party socialist state into a multi-party democracy.

A political source said Benjedid was frustrated at the slow pace at which the reforms, launched after youth riots last October, had been implemented.



As armed forces divers look on, salvage workers hoist wreckage of a Sunbird aerobatic jet from Lake Ontario in Toronto. The jet crashed into the lake during an airshow on Sept. 3 after colliding with another aircraft. (Reuter wirephoto)



A file photo of a US-built Convair operated by the Norwegian charter company Partner. (Reuter wirephoto)

Crash plane carried PM

Oslo mourns

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 9. (UPI): Forty ships and a helicopter searched today for bodies from a Norwegian charter plane with 55 people aboard that crashed in the North Sea off Denmark's West Coast, Denmark's public radio said.

The 50 passengers, all employees of the Wilhelmsen Lines Shipping Company of Oslo, and five crew members were presumed dead. Officials said the plane had virtually disintegrated.

Three women passengers carried British passports but lived in Norway, their employer said.

The twin-engine CV-580 Convair Turboprop plane was en route from Oslo, Norway to Hamburg, West Germany, when it went down 16 nautical miles (30 kilometers) north of the Danish fishing port of Hirtshals yesterday.

The British passport holders were identified as Ann Blain, 33, Margaret Carlsen, 49 and Joan Jakobsen, 51, said Wilhelmsen executive Helge Bjornerud. He said he believed all three were married to Norwegians.

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\$809,600 net

Cory opens purse

MANILA, Sept. 9. (AP): President Corazon Aquino has declared a net worth of more than 17 million pesos (\$809,600), a presidential statement said today.

Mrs Aquino and six of her cabinet members revealed their assets and liabilities today, and other cabinet level ministers were to disclose their personal worths later. Copies of the documents were released by the presidential palace.

In the statement, Mrs Aquino said her assets included more than 13 million pesos (\$590,600) in cash and bank deposits, 6 million pesos (\$272,500) in investments and a million pesos (\$45,000) worth of jewellery, paintings and furniture.

Her liabilities totalled more than 6.7 million pesos (\$305,000), mostly in "payable accounts" and taxes.

Promise

Roberto Villanueva, who oversees how money given by donor countries under the Philippine assistance programme is spent reported a net worth of more than 75 million pesos (\$3.4 million), the highest among the initial six cabinet members who submitted their statements.

Catalino Macaraig, Mrs Aquino's executive secretary, reported a net worth of 14 million pesos (\$536,000) with no liabilities.

Mrs Aquino's disclosure of her wealth was in fulfilment of a promise she gave shortly after a popular uprising ousted 20-year ruler president Ferdinand Marcos in February 1986 and installed her to power.

But the laws were criticised by opposition leaders and human rights activists and Benjedid, 59, was unhappy with some aspects of them, political sources said.

Hamrouche, a central committee member of the ruling National Liberation Front (FLN), was appointed secretary-general at the presidency in February 1986 and has been closely involved in Benjedid's reform drive.

Merbah, military security chief under former President Houari Boumedienne, had closer links to old-guard elements in the party which have resisted reform, the sources said.

Merbah's dismissal follows a summer of discontent that saw strikes and demonstrations over inflation and shortages of water, housing and consumer goods.

Merbah himself gave a bleak assessment of the economy last June when he urged Algerians to work harder and said: "The worst of the crisis is ahead of us."

Merbah has been dismissed less than two months before an expected showdown at an extraordinary FLN conference between allies of Benjedid and old-guard elements who resist reform, the sources said.

The FLN has been the sole legal party in Algeria since independence from France 1962 and many members of the apparatus feel threatened by change.

Hamrouche, born in the eastern city of Constantine, took up arms at the age of 15 to fight the French during the eight-year war of liberation.

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Mother Teresa ...critical

Mother Teresa suffers setback

Pacemaker to be fitted

CALCUTTA, Sept. 9. (Agencies): Medical officials announced doctors will fit Mother Teresa with a temporary pacemaker because the Nobel prize-winning nun suffered a setback today and was not responding to medication.

The decision came after a conference between Mother Teresa's cardiologist and Dr Moni Chhetri, an eminent cardiac expert in Calcutta.

"On review of Mother's condition,

it was found her irregular pulse continued and it was not adequately responding to medications," said a statement from the Woodland Nursing Home, where she was being treated.

"A temporary pacemaker will be fitted to help her condition."

The officials said the pacemaker would be fitted late today.

Mother Teresa ate a light lunch and rested during the day after doctors reported she suffered a setback, with a rising temperature and a return of the irregular heart beat that prompted doctors to place her in an intensive care unit four days ago.

Mother Teresa spent a "sleepless night" yesterday, said officials of the nursing home.

President Ramaswamy Venkataaraman sent a message saying,

"My best wishes for a speedy recovery," while other nuns urged prayers for her health.

Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi also sent a message wishing her a speedy recovery.

The sources said these points

included acceptance by Israel of the US-backed concept of trading land for peace, participation in the vote by 140,000 Palestinian inhabitants of Israeli-annexed East Jerusalem, international observers as election overseers,

withdrawal of Israeli troops from polling areas, an Israeli commitment to an opening date for talks on a final settlement,

and an end to construction of Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank and Gaza.

Shamir opposes relinquishing

any part of the occupied territories or giving the vote to Palestinians of East Jerusalem.

He wants Israelis to supervise elections.

Arafat and Mubarak met yes-

terday in Tunis during brief

visit by Mubarak to the Tunisian

capital. "Mr Arafat currently is studying the (Egyptian)

initiative," Mubarak said.

The Palestinians received the

(Egyptian) initiative and none of

them objected to anything in it,"

Mubarak said today.

Reports from Washington this

week said the United States war-

ily received the proposals. US

INTERNATIONAL

NEWS IN BRIEF

Yeltsin leaves

MOSCOW, Sept 9, (Reuters): Soviet Communist Party radical Boris Yeltsin flew to the United States today for a week's visit and said he might meet US President George Bush.

"He does not rule out the possibility of meeting with President Bush if the president should want to meet him," Moscow radio said.

If the meeting takes place, Yeltsin will have beaten Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to the Bush White House.

Gorbachev met Bush, then president-elect, and former US President Ronald Reagan in New York last December.

Information exchange

VIENNA, Austria, Sept 9, (AP): Nato, the Warsaw Pact and Europe's neutral nations have virtually agreed on their first-ever exchange of military doctrines and detailed information on armies and weapons, the top US delegate said yesterday.

As the 35 nations resumed talks yesterday to enhance European security, chief US delegate John J. Maresca sounded a hopeful note, but cautioned that East and West are still far apart in negotiations that include naval and air forces.

"I believe that these negotiations are now well positioned to move forward. However, we must be realistic," Maresca told his fellow negotiators in a speech made available to the Associated Press.

Dutch queen names

THE HAGUE, Netherlands, Sept 9, (AP): Negotiations aimed at building Dutch Premier Ruud Lubbers' third government began yesterday, with Queen Beatrix' appointment of a senior Christian Democrat to oversee the coalition-forging process.

Jan De Koning, social affairs minister in Lubbers' caretaker government, was summoned to Beatrix' Noordeinde Palace and told to "investigate possibilities" for bringing together a new government coalition, according to a palace announcement.

Beatrix' choice of De Koning was in line with Wednesday's election victory for Lubbers' Christian Democratic Appeal (CDA) party, which assured the popular Dutch leader of his third term in office.

Submarine intrusions

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Sept 9, (AP): Foreign submarine intrusions into Swedish waters have continued this year at the same rate as before, a defense spokesman said yesterday.

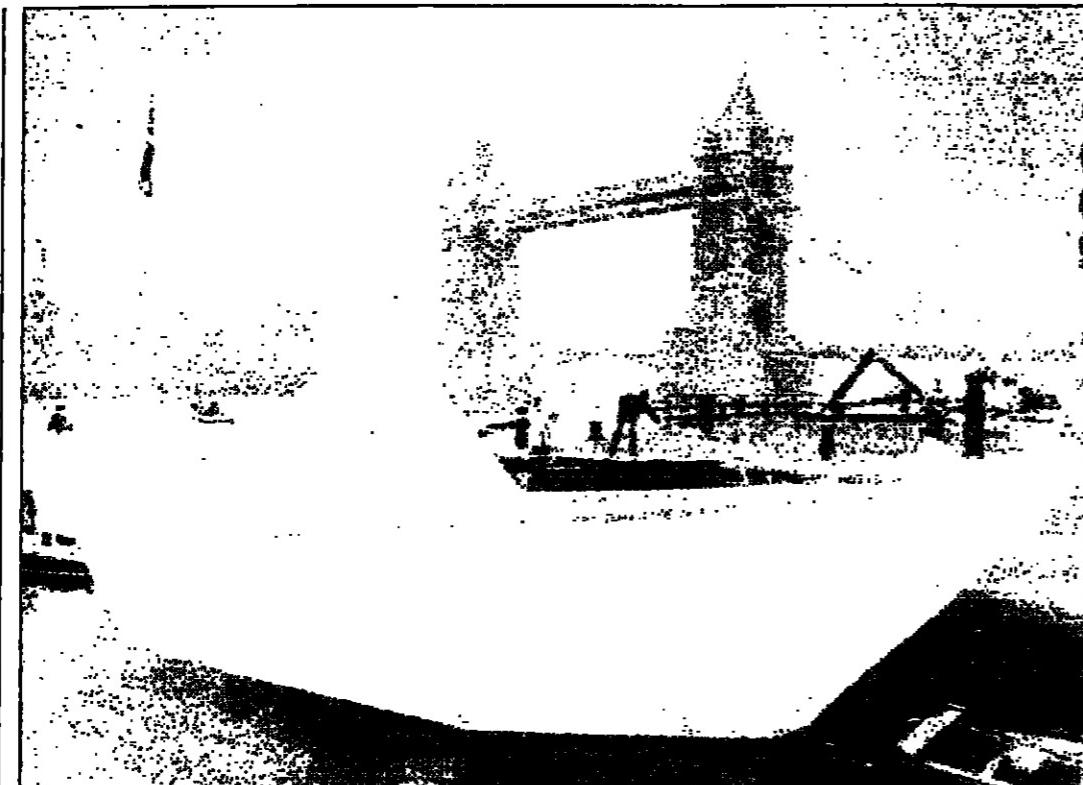
Spokesman Evert Dahlén was responding to an interview by former intelligence officer Björn Ekholm, who said there had been no confirmed foreign intrusions since June 1988.

"Only last spring there was a series of sightings in the northern and western Stockholm archipelago," Dahlén told the Associated Press. "They were of such importance that they were reported to the government immediately."

The incidents were not made public at the time.

Bhutto requests

ISLAMABAD, Sept. 9, (Kuna): Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto has requested the Imam of Kaaba in Makkah to offer special prayers for well-being of 54 passengers and crew of the Pakistan Fokker plane which disappeared on Aug 24 shortly after takeoff from Gilgit airport for Islamabad.



Paper boat

'George Wyllie's Paper Boat' leaves St. Katherine Dock to sail down the Thames in preparation for the Thames Day celebrations. Wyllie, a Scotsman, describes the vessel as a piece of sculpture and which he will captain through Tower Bridges and then on to the Houses of Parliament. (Reuter wirephoto)

France declares anti-drug drive

Special squad formed

PARIS, Sept 9, (Reuter): France announced a drive against drugs today, offering foreign governments specialist help in the war against traffickers and assembling a special police squad to flush out money launderers.

The announcement, just over a week before experts from the world's seven richest nations meet in Paris to discuss the drugs menace, came as French police said they had arrested six foreign traffickers and seized seven kg (15 pounds) of heroin.

Police gave few details of the latest seizure, carried out on Friday night by France's central anti-narcotics agency with the help of international police.

Interior Minister Pierre Joxe said today that the agency would have its manpower doubled to 200 as part of the drive against drugs.

In an interview with the French daily *France Soir*, Joxe

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Educators helping students to cheat on tests: US report

NEW YORK, Sept 9, (AP): Pressure to achieve rapid school reform in the United States is prompting some educators to help students cheat on standardised achievement tests, a new report charges.

The problem is worsened by "totally inadequate test security in nearly every state," concludes "The 'Lake Wobegon' Report: How public educators cheat on achievement tests."

The report says cheating is contributing to misleadingly high scores on the most widely

used Standardized Achievement Tests in US grade schools. That makes it seem in thousands of school districts like "all the children are above average" as author Garrison Keillor's mythical Minnesota town of Lake Wobegon.

The Associated Press obtained a draft of the report, which was conducted by Friends for Education, a watchdog group headed by Albuquerque, New Mexico, Dr. John Jacob Cannell. The Kentering Family Foundation in Dayton, Ohio, financed the report with a \$25,000 grant.

All but two states, Louisiana and Arizona, are reporting above-average scores, according to the 50-state survey.

Eighty-three per cent of 5,143 elementary school districts and 73 per cent of 4,501 secondary districts surveyed are reporting Standardized Achievement Test scores above national averages, according to the report.

The need to reform the country's public schools has been a major issue in the United States since 1983 when a series of reports said the educational system was mediocre and that

US students couldn't compete against their counterparts in Asia and Europe.

This new report contends that high achievement test scores have misled many parents into believing that although the nation's schools may be at risk, their own local schools are improving each year.

It contends that cheating by teachers and principals involves coaching students on test questions, giving students more than the allotted time to take tests and even altering answer sheets.

Discover gold

Government Warning: Smoking is a major cause of cancer and diseases of the lungs, heart and arteries.

Population control, key to end hunger

US urged to resume funding

WASHINGTON, Sept 9, (AP): The spectre of world hunger is moving nearer as the number of people increases and the land loses its capacity to grow enough food to keep pace with population, says Lester R. Brown, head of Worldwatch Institute.

"With more hungry people in the world today than when this decade began, there's little to celebrate on the food front as we enter the '90s," he said.

Brown said in an issue of *World Watch* magazine released today that he sees no sure-fire way to boost global food production enough in the 1990s to keep pace with indicated population growth.

"The only reasonable goal will be to try and cut (population growth) in half by the end of the century, essentially what Japan did in the '50s and what China did in the '70s," he said.

But reaching that goal will be "perhaps more demanding than anything the international community has ever undertaken," Brown added.

Pressures

"For the United States, the obvious first step is to restore its funding of the United Nations Population Fund and International Planned Parenthood Federation, which was cancelled several years ago in response to pressures from the political right," he said.

"Given the link between population growth and environmental degradation, President George Bush cannot credibly call himself an environmentalist if funding is not resumed," Brown said. "In the process, the United States could reinvigorate the international family planning effort."

Last May, the United Nations Population Fund said that unless women win more access to family planning, education and employment, the world's population could almost triple to 14 billion by the year 2100.

Dr Nafis Sadik, executive director of the UN agency, said the world's population, now at 5.2 billion, may increase to only 10 billion people a century from now if family planners succeed in reducing birth rates.

Mrs Sadik said movements such as religious fundamentalism "seem to be designed to somehow kill women in bondage." She criticised the United States for halting its financial support of the UN fund in 1986.

Former president Reagan's administration contended the agency's policies promoted coercive abortion, but Mrs Sadik said the funding cut-off was political and expressed hope that President George Bush's administration would resume the US contribution.

The Bush administration so far has continued Reagan's policy of not funding those agencies based on the policy that no federal funds should be spent for population control that involves abortion.

Assertion

White House officials had no immediate comment on Brown's assertion that Bush's environmental credibility would be strained if he did not restore US financing to help control world population.

Brown, whose private, non-profit Worldwatch Institute for years has espoused population control as part of its research and policy recommendations, said that some progress has been made in scaling back birth rates, from about two percent annually in 1970 to 1.7 per cent today.

However, this decline has been so slow that the annual increment is actually going up, he said. The world is now projected to grow by 921 million people during the 1990s, the largest increment ever for a decade.

"In many developing countries, soaring population now has a dual effect on food balance," Brown said. "It increased demand as it degrades the agricultural resource base."

"For instance, crowded cities and villages create a need for firewood that exceeds the sustainable yield of local forests. Deforestation is the outcome, which in turn increases rainfall runoff and soil erosion."

Brown said that soil erosion tops the list of environmental trends that threaten humankind. Other hazards include air pollution's damage to crops and its long-term effect on climate.

Last year's drought in the United States and its lingering effects in some areas reduced world grain output. But even with larger crops this year, Brown said global stockpiles are still short.

With reduced output, world grain prices rose by roughly one-half from July 1987 to July 1988 and have remained relatively high since then, he said.

Chancellor, aged 85, dies

LONDON, Sept 9, (Reuters): Sir Christopher Chancelor, who managed Reuters news agency during World War Two and its postwar global expansion, died today aged 85, his son said.

A Cambridge honours graduate, he joined Reuters in 1930 and served as chief correspondent for the Far East based in Shanghai during the Japanese invasion of China.

Kids hit as SA violence rages on

JOHANNESBURG, Sept 9, (AP): Police said today they used pistols, birdshot, rubber bullets and teargas to disperse mobs and that several vehicles were damaged by stone-throwers in mixed-race townships near Cape Town.

The area has been the scene of continual violence since parliamentary elections on Wednesday that excluded the black majority.

Three black mineworkers were killed and 12 injured by security guards in dispute over anti-election protests, the workers' union said today.

Cape Town paediatricians issued a statement saying children as young as three years old have been admitted to hospitals in the past few days with gunshot wounds their relatives blamed on police.

Police, however, said no injuries were reported as a result of police action.

A mixed-race man was injured in a stoning incident and four were arrested for stoning a delivery vehicle in incidents last night and early today in four townships, police said.

A mining company said today three people were killed and 11 injured when a large crowd armed with sharpened sticks and knives attacked security guards at a workers hostel at the Kinross gold mine in Evander, 100 kms (62 miles) east of Johannesburg.

The Ministry of Law and Order has rejected claims by anti-apartheid activists, clerics, doctors, journalists and township residents that police fired guns indiscriminately in the Cape Town area on election day.

Police have not acknowledged killing anyone during the period, although they say 15 people died. They have reported only a handful of injuries from their guns, while Cape Town activists and doctors have reported up to 200.

Masked activists stormed South Africa's consulate in Copenhagen and caused extensive damage to the offices, newspaper reports said today.

Last Friday, a group of about 20 to 30 people arrived in front of the consulate in a truck, jumped out and smashed down the doors of the building with wooden rams and crowbars, the Copenhagen newspaper Berlingske Tidende reported.

The US State Department says it differs strongly with the violent methods of the African National Congress but intends to expand its contacts with the black group in an effort to dismantle racial segregation in South Africa.

As the oldest African nationalist movement in South Africa, the ANC reflects the aspirations of many blacks for a just and democratic system," the department said in a policy statement released on Thursday night.

South Africa's highest court yesterday granted 14 blacks leave to appeal against death sentences they received for taking part in the politically motivated murder of a policeman.

Divorce in UK Children hit hard

LONDON, Sept 9, (Kuna): One in five children in the UK will have parents who divorce, and will suffer emotional upset as a result, it was reported here today.

They find it difficult to choose which parent to live with and have nobody to whom to confide, the British Psychological Society heard.

Dr Terry Jones, of the University of Wales in Cardiff, said that teenagers seek their greatest support coming from discussions with both parents.

He told a conference of the society in Surrey, near London, that his investigations suggest that when divorce occurs, the best form of support that teenagers can be given is the availability of people with whom they can discuss their feelings about life, their fears and their need for support.

He found that half the teenagers interviewed felt that divorce could help make life better for their parents as individuals, by giving them more freedom, independence and the chance for new relationships.

CURRENTLY SCREENING AT CINEMA AL-ANDALUS (Richard Pryor & Beverly Todd)

IN GREAT ACTION COMEDY FILM **MOVING**

INTERNATIONAL

Bush warns of drug menace

NEW ORLEANS, Sept 9, (AP): President George Bush took his war on drugs to the south yesterday and declared that a nation consuming as much illegal narcotics as the United States "cannot long preserve its very soul."

"Let me challenge you: get involved. There are so many that need your help," Bush told a convention of the US Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, in continuing efforts to enlist new recruits in his anti-drug campaign.

Before a Hispanic business audience that cheered his statement that the war on drugs can be waged without higher taxes, Bush struck back at critics who say his \$7.9 billion strategy is underfunded and doesn't go far enough.

"Those who judge this strategy by a price tag alone don't understand the problem," he said. "Those critics are the same ones who complain they don't know how we can fund the proposal" without higher taxes.

"To some, the first and only answer is to hit the working man or woman with more taxes," Bush said. "That is not the right answer."

Bush has said the cost of the new programme will be offset by cuts of \$716 million in programmes, such as public housing, assistance to recent immigrants and juvenile justice.

The President said the government estimated that 23 million people in the United States had used illegal drugs last year. He said eight million US citizens had tried cocaine, and that about one million used it at least once a week.

Beyond that, he said, hundreds of thousands of babies were born to mothers who use drugs.

Held

■ A Colombian accused of being the brains behind the Medellin cocaine cartel's laundering of money in US banks was being held yesterday without bond at an undisclosed and highly secure location.

Eduardo Martinez Romero—on the US list of so-called "extraditables," Colombia's most important drug kingpins—was being held pending a Monday court appearance.

At a preliminary hearing Thursday before US magistrate Joel M. Feldman, Martinez said through an interpreter what had happened.

Feldman agreed to delay his arraignment until Monday morning. An arraignment is a court procedure where the accused is brought before a court to hear and answer charges.

An affidavit filed in court Thursday by US Drug Enforcement Administration agent Albert D. Latson said Martinez warned an Atlanta undercover drug agent last year that he would be "kidnapped and interrogated" if anything went wrong with their laundering ventures for the Medellin cartel.

Martinez, 36, appeared tired and distressed and was not handcuffed or shackled during the hearing. Security was unremarkable, despite the wave of bombings associated with the Colombian government's crackdown on drugs, which resulted in Martinez's arrest Aug. 20.

Martinez's lawyer, Ed Garland, said his client was "very frightened and quiet" when he was brought to court.

"I think it will be extremely difficult for him to get a fair trial," Garland said.

US attorney Robert Barr, whose office is prosecuting the Martinez case, said yesterday that the reputed kingpin would be fairly treated and that issues of pretrial publicity "would be brought out in court and be fully aired."

Martinez, who told the judge he holds a postgraduate degree in marketing, is accused of laundering between \$15 million and \$27 million in drug profits by funneling the cash through US banks. He was indicted in March in Atlanta as a result of an investigation code-named operation Polar Cap, which officials said revealed an operation that laundered billions in cocaine profits. Charges were brought against 127 people and two Latin American banks.

Martinez, called by some of the "finance minister" of the Medellin cartel, is the first person extradited to the United States since Colombia's crackdown began last month. A previous attempt to arrest him in Panama failed last March.

■ Suspected smuggling co-ordinators for Colombia's Medellin cocaine cartel have been charged with funneling the drug through the Bahamas and the Florida Keys in exchange for air drops of ice chests stuffed with cash.

Cocaine death gang seized in Colombia

Israeli govt knew of training

BOGOTA, Sept 9, (Agencies): The army said today it captured the four leading members of a cocaine "death squad" in the drug centre of Medellin who also served as bodyguards for the wife of fugitive drug kingpin Pablo Escobar.

Police said a high-ranking drug trafficker imprisoned for the past month under the government's drug crackdown was released because authorities lacked an extradition request from the United States.

But a US Drug Enforcement Administration official in Washington said the trafficker was not being sought in the United States.

A powerful car bomb exploded in the Colombian drug capital of Medellin late yesterday, injuring four people and causing extensive damage, police and rescue workers said.

The bomb, believed set by drug traffickers, exploded on the city's west side at around 10.15 pm (0215 GMT), blasting a large hole through the front of the telephone company office building and shattering windows in nearby residential buildings.



A Colombian soldier searches a man before allowing him to enter an area where a bomb search was taking place. (Reuter wirephoto)

'Message' to US drug agents

Floating bodies found

WASHINGTON, Sept 9, (AP): US drug agents spotted almost two dozen decapitated bodies floating down the river near the US Drug Enforcement Administration's base in Peru's Upper Huallaga valley. But authorities said yesterday they don't know who the people were or if the mutilations were intended as a threat.

DEA spokesman Frank Shultz said that the heads, hands and feet of the approximately 20 people were cut off the cadavers that were seen Thursday in the Huallaga River near the base at Santa Lucia in the valley that produces much of the world's supply of coca leaf, the raw material for cocaine.

"We have no idea if this was meant to be a signal to anybody, to what purpose and to whom," Shultz said. "There was no note, no messenger, no nothing. No one knows what to make of it. It was an unfriendly message, be sure."

The DEA this week resumed full operations at the base shared with representatives of the State Department's international narcotics matters office and Peru's Guardia Civil—which conducts seizures of cocaine laboratories and eradication of crops.

The US agents never actually left the base, but have spent the past half-year constructing a more secure facility.

Operations were curtailed in February, shortly after a contract pilot was wounded in the leg by a bullet shot through the bottom of his helicopter, Shultz said.

The bodies were observed by a group of people stationed at the Santa Lucia base, but no effort was made to extract the cadavers from the river, he said.

BA take-off aborted

DC-10 engine probe

WASHINGTON, Sept 7, (AP): The Federal Aviation Administration will order exhaustive inspections of all DC-10 engines as a result of a July crash in Sioux City, Iowa, that killed 112 people, an agency official says.

Anthony Broderick, FAA associate administrator, said in an interview yesterday that the agency expects within a few weeks to order inspections of the metal in all General Electric CF6-6 engines such as those in the DC-10 that crashed landed July 19 in Sioux City.

Broderick said the expected FAA-ordered inspections would take 40 hours each, and could cause some flight disruptions.

But officials say the investigation into the crash is being hampered because a large section of the tail engine of United Flight 23 has not been found.

With 8-foot (2.4-metre) corn stalks and 4-foot (1.2-metre) soybean plants obscuring much of the ground in the flight path, authorities in Washington and Iowa said yesterday they hope the harvest season will uncover parts vital to investigation.

GE has offered a total of \$279,000 in rewards for all the missing parts of the tail engine.

■ A British Airways DC-10 jet had to abort take-off because of a technical fault which had been reported more than 80 times in similar engines, a report here said today.

To this day, I remember Khrushchev's face in tears," said Pyotr Shelest, now 82. "To this day I'll remember that face even when I die."

In the rare memoir that discloses some of the secret workings of the ruling Politburo inner sanctum, Shelest disclosed to the Moscow News how someone at the very top gets the word that he is through.

Khrushchev was confronted at the Politburo

session in October 1964 with a power grab led by Leonid Brezhnev, said Shelest, who at the time was a Politburo member.

Informed of the decision to oust him in favour of Brezhnev, Khrushchev said:

"All right, but let me say a few words at the next plenary meeting (of the Central Committee of the party)."

Brezhnev said, No, and Mikhail Suslov (the party ideologist) said, No, No.

"At this point, Nikita Sergeyevich (Khrushchev) burst out crying, sobbing. 'Well if so I am getting

what I deserve. Write a statement (of my retirement), I will sign it.'

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Send troops, UN urged

Save us from Azeris, Armenians appeal

MOSCOW, Sept 9, (Reuters): Soviet Armenians have urged the United Nations to consider sending troops to strife-torn Nagorno-Karabakh, saying the Kremlin has failed to protect them from Azerbaijanis bent on their destruction.

As the appeal became known today, Moscow radio quoted hardline Politburo member Yegor Ligachev as saying the Soviet Union could fall apart over its many nationalities problems.

And the Communist Party chief in Lithuania gave a defiant interview to Pravda in which he said many people in the Baltic republics saw a Kremlin denunciation of nationalism as a threat to their progress.

A council of the Armenian majority in Nagorno-Karabakh, an Armenian enclave inside Azerbaijan, appealed for UN help saying they feared deportation and even extermination by the Azeris.

"For long months now, this tiny Christian

region ... has been under the harshest of blockades. Regular killings and acts of violence are being perpetrated against it and now there is talk of carrying out a deportation of the native population," the appeal said.

It was published on Tuesday in the enclave's daily newspaper Sovetakan Karabakh. An Armenian journalist in Yerevan told Reuters he did not know whether any reply had been received from the UN.

Head 'must roll'

KIEV, Soviet Union, Sept 9, (Agencies): A new Ukrainian mass movement heard repeated calls today for the ousting and trial of the republic's veteran Communist Party leader, amid signs of mounting official concern over its trading demands.

One speaker at the founding congress of Ruk (movement) even openly urged the Ukraine's secession from the Soviet Union — a call likely to cause alarm in Moscow, which depends on the region for nearly half its agricultural output and much of its coal, iron and steel and chemicals.

Speakers won resounding applause from the 1,500-strong audience with demands to dismiss hard-line Ukrainian leader Vladimir Shcherbitsky and to bring him to trial for his handling of the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear disaster.

"There can be no talk of perestroika in the Ukraine when the grey cardinals responsible for Chernobyl are still in power," said Sergei Konyev, a member of the Soviet Parliament, speaking under a giant-and-yellow Ukrainian national flag.

■ A group of ethnic Poles in the Baltic Republic of Lithuania have added their voices to the clamour of ethnic groups pressing for more independence.

A predominantly Polish district of 40,000 people has proclaimed autonomy from the Republic of Lithuania.

The dispute has put Lithuanian officials in the uncomfortable position of hearing from the Polish minority many of the same things they have been telling Moscow their own behalf.

And the development that could herald even greater difficulties for the Kremlin, which is trying to hold together more than 100 ethnic groups hostile toward each other and toward Soviet rule.

Tanks to go from Hungary

BUDAPEST, Sept 9, (Reuters): Hungary's ruling Communist Party proposed yesterday demobilizing a 50 km (30 mile) wide area along its borders with Australia and Yugoslavia and said Moscow had agreed to remove Soviet tanks from the area.

Party chairman Rezso Nyers told a news conference the party had agreed with Moscow that two Soviet tank battalions instead of former Agriculture Minister Kazmirek Olesiai of the UPP. Solidarity accuses Olesiai of not protecting farmers' interest.

But Mazzwiedzi risks losing the support of Rural Solidarity if he bows to UPP pressure to propose Olesiai instead of Janicki because the movement has threatened not to take part in any cabinet which includes Olesiai.

In parliamentary commissions today, Communist Foreign Trade Minister Marcin Swiecki said Poland must open its economy more to foreign companies and investors to encourage the change to a Western-style market economy and the break-up of monopolies.

■ Poland's Roman Catholic Prime Jozef Glemp has postponed a trip to the United States, the state news agency said today.

6,000 E. Germans wait

Organised exodus through Austria expected

BUDAPEST, Sept 9, (Agencies): More than 6,000 East German refugees, their numbers increasing along with their impatience, waited in packed Hungarian tent-camps today for an exodus to the West which appeared to be imminent.

Refugees organised excursions to stave off increasing boredom in the camps while refugees continued to arrive by car and on foot, some dressed for holidays and others soaking wet after swimming the river Danube.

"It's just waiting, waiting, waiting," a 21-year-old electrician from Meissen told Reuters outside an overflowing tent camp in the grounds of a Catholic church in Budapest's Sugliget suburb.

"We've had some bad times, but the weather is improving and they say it'll only be a few days now, so the feeling in the camp is quite positive," he said.

Statements by the Hungarian and West German governments on Thursday and Friday seemed to indicate an organised transit through Austria to West Germany could start within a few days.

Previously, officials had talked of as much as a six-week wait.

Refugees said no more money was being handed out in Budapest camps today — another sign that departure was imminent.

Camp organisers said they had no idea how the mass transit would be arranged, how long it would take, or whether some refugees would be allowed to take their cars.

It was also unclear what would happen if some of

the estimated 100,000 East Germans still on holiday in Hungary decided to join the exodus at the last minute.

The current delay appeared to have been caused by Hungary's concern to find a solution palatable to its Warsaw Pact ally East Germany, which has demanded that its citizens return home.

More than 100 refugees who had been occupying Bonn's mission in East Berlin left the building on Friday, but without assurances they would be allowed to emigrate.

Refugees in two Budapest tent-camps and a holiday centre in the resort of Lake Balaton are adamant that they will sit it out. Some triumphantly burned leaflets distributed by an East German envoy encouraging them to go home.

Wolfgang Wagner of the Knights of Malta charity, head of the Sugliget camp, said about 250 East Germans had been arriving daily for the past week.

The two Budapest camps were filled to capacity in the third camp at Zanka on Lake Balaton. But with 1,000 more people cutting short their holidays or giving up return flights to East Germany, Zanka was now full to capacity with 2,400 inmates, Wagner said.

■ Some 70 East Germans, five Romanians and a Bulgarian fled from Hungary to Austria overnight, a Red Cross official said today.

INTERNATIONAL

Foreigners plotting: Burma

Embassies, dissidents blamed

RANGOON, Sept 9, (AP): Burma's military rulers today accused foreign embassies and media as well as domestic dissidents of trying to subvert the government.

In a news briefing lasting more than seven hours, one of Burma's top military men said the arrest last July of a 52-year-old lawyer, Ye Htoo, led to the exposure of the plot and the arrests of 51 others.

Although the foreign embassies were not named, it was clear the US embassy, which

has taken a strong pro-democracy stance, was a target of the accusations. Another appeared to be the British embassy.

Following months of demonstrations, Burma's powerful military reasserted control last September with an armed crackdown that reportedly left hundreds dead. It promised general elections but in recent months has made sweeping arrests of opponents, according to Western diplomats.

Brig. Gen. Khin Nyunt, head of the coun-

try's military intelligence service, claimed decoding of hidden files in Ye Htoo's office revealed accounts of cash assistance to dissidents by a major diplomatic mission, correspondence with individuals abroad and plans to subvert the government.

Ye Htoo worked as a representative of six foreign business firms in Burma and is the son-in-law of Ba Maw, Burma's head of state during World War II.

Deng missing, Mao lauded

BEIJING, Sept 9, (Reuters): China's senior leader Deng Xiaoping missed his first meeting in several years with a foreign head of state today but officials declined to say whether it was because of ill-health or for political reasons.

A virtual recluse in recent months, Deng, 85, has not been seen since June 9 when, looking shaky and worn, he presided over a meeting of military commanders and praised their crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrations in Beijing's Tiananmen Square.

Commenting on Deng's absence, foreign diplomats drew a parallel with the last years of Mao Tse-tung who died exactly 13 years ago on Saturday.

In June 1976, three months before he died at the age of 82, a Foreign Ministry official said Mao would no longer meet distinguished foreign guests.

Deng went unmentioned in official newspapers today but a photograph of Mao from 1958 was featured edged in black on the front page of the hardline



Marijuana plantation raided

Philippine soldiers raid a marijuana plantation on the mount of Benguet in the northern Philippines.

Authorities said the leaves were estimated to be worth \$5 million. (Reuter wirephoto)

Top rebels held

Filipino communists kill 11

MANILA, Sept 9, (UPI): Government troops arrested a Communist Party leader, a rebel priest and six regional communists officers in raids in the central city of Cebu, police said today.

Police said those arrested on Thursday included the Rev. Leonardo Sison and Federico Guanzon, who was identified as an alternative member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Philippines. A \$23,300 reward had been offered for Guanzon's capture.

National police spokesman Lt. Col. Gris Muralit said the six other captured rebels held ranking positions in the regional Communist Party committee in the Visayan area, a string of islands in the country's central section.

They were identified as Edwin Lopez, Abundo Amante, Thelma Diana, Catalina Paras and Siegfried Deduro and his wife, Cynthia. Muralit said Sison was chairman of the Christians

for National Liberation, a leftist group on the island of Samar northeast of Cebu.

He said Guanzon was captured in his car at a street corner in Cebu, 350 miles (565 km) south of Manila, while manoeuvring to evade police agents who were conducting surveillance on him.

Guanzon, under questioning revealed the whereabouts of the other rebel leaders and police raided the safehouse, arresting the officers, Muralit said.

In another development, communist rebels killed 11 soldiers, including an army captain, in a series of provincial attacks, bringing to 24 the number of troops slain this week, the military said yesterday.

The latest clash occurred on Mindanao island, where four Muslim rebels of the Moro National Liberation Front were arrested after an engagement with government troops near Iligan city, 800 km (500 miles) southeast of Manila, the military said.

Euro-MP faces prosecution: The French government yesterday ordered the prosecution of an extreme right-wing French politician over an anti-Semitic outburst in a magazine interview.

Justice Minister Pierre Arpaillange told reporters he had ordered the Paris prosecutor to begin legal proceedings against 58-year-old Claude Antuan-Lara of the far-right National Front for racial insults, racial defamation and provoking race hatred.

Antuan-Lara, who resigned his seat in the European Parliament yesterday, said in an interview published in the left-wing magazine Globes that the Nazi Holocaust was a pack of lies.

He joked about French politician Simone Veil's internment in a Nazi death camp. (Reuter)

Bush urged: Congressional Democrats have asked President Bush to immediately increase by 100,000 the number of political refugees allowed to come to the United States from East European countries in the coming year.

In a letter to the president and made public today, the Democrats called on Bush "to afford refugees from the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe the freedom they deserve" instead of applying to all the countries of what has been called the communist bloc.

The Democrats plan calls for the 100,000 new spaces to be allocated in proportion to the refugee status applications from each country, a formula that would give roughly two-thirds of the spaces to applicants from the Soviet Union. (Kuna)

Envoy union files suit: The union that represents career diplomats is taking legal steps to combat what it calls a disturbing pattern by the White House of appointing incompetents to key ambassadorships.

The American Foreign Service Association filed a lawsuit yesterday in US District Court, naming Secretary of State James A. Baker III as the defendant.

The highly unusual move follows the nomination by the White House of a number of envoys who have come under sharp criticism on grounds they have neither the diplomatic skills nor background knowledge of the countries where they are being sent. (AP)

Typhoid kills 19: Typhoid has killed 19 people in a village in northern Nepal, the Nepalese Ministry of Health said yesterday.

Most of the 19 were children who died in July in a village in Sindupalchok, 40 kilometres (25 miles) north of the capital of Kathmandu, the ministry said.

The deaths were reported when a medical team sent to the area to treat typhoid victims returned to Kathmandu. Typhoid is endemic in rural Nepal. (AP)

Misinformation led to Korean war, says former Kim aide

Doomsday clock: The keepers of the "doomsday clock" said yesterday they will not turn its hands back even though the threat of nuclear war may have eased.

The editors of the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists said the hands of the clock, which have tracked mankind's fixation with nuclear disaster since 1947, would remain at six minutes to midnight for the immediate future.

Midnight represents "zero hour," the advent of a nuclear holocaust.

Two years ago the clock's hands were rolled back three minutes in recognition of the US-Soviet agreement to eliminate intermediate-range nuclear forces. (Reuter)

Joyride crash: A group of gendarmes on a nighttime joyride with three female companions crashed their police helicopter today into the Atlantic Ocean, killing all six people aboard, an officer for the force said.

The Ecuadorean helicopter and its crew had been posted on temporary duty at the small seaside town of Mismizan-Plage for the summer vacation season. Its mission was beach surveillance and medical evacuation.

An officer at regional gendarmerie headquarters in Bordeaux told French radio the helicopter's pilot had taken the aircraft for a joyride with a flight engineer, a doctor in the gendarmerie and three women. (AP)

Royal visit: Queen Elizabeth of England is making a state visit to Malaysia for four days beginning on Oct 14 in conjunction with the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM).

British High Commissioner to Malaysia Nicholas Spreckley said today the queen, accompanied by Prince Philip, will also visit the conference site at Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC) here.

She will also host a dinner for Commonwealth leaders on her royal ship the "Britannia" at Port Klang, 25 km from here.

Accompanied by the commanding officer of British Destroyer HMS Nottingham commander Nick Batho called on Penang state acting Chief Minister Khoi Kay for earlier today. (RINA)

Genetic examination: Brazil will ship part of the remains of Nazi war criminal Josef Mengele to West Germany to compare the genetic code with that of his son, the head of Brazil's federal police said yesterday.

Federal police chief Romeo Tuma said four teeth, three ribs and several other bones taken from Mengele's remains will be submitted to a deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) test in Frankfurt, Germany.

The genetic code contained in the DNA "will be compared to that of Mengele's son Rolf, who has agreed to submit himself to the test by donating some of his blood," he said. (AP)

Lee, a former North Korean army lieutenant general, was the deputy chairman of North Korea's joint Chiefs of Staff when North Korean troops struck across the border with the south on June 25, 1950, to touch off the three-year conflict.

He was the chief North Korean negotiator at peace talks which led to the signing of the Korean Armistice Agreement in July 1953. He was tough and stubborn at the true negotiations, Seoul officials said.

"I have been away from my home country for so long but I never forget," he said. "So I am here today."

Students battle police in Seoul

SEOUL, Sept 9, (AP): Radical students, shouting "Down with (President) Roh Tae-Woo," battled police with firebombs yesterday as authorities began legal proceedings against a student who made an illegal trip to communist North Korea.

Some 500 students at Dongguk University in Seoul fought police with rocks and firebombs, demanding the release of the woman student, Miss Im Su-Kyong. Police fired tear-gas and broke up the protest in one hour.

Five students were arrested but no injuries were reported.

About 200 students at Yonsei University also in Seoul blocked traffic on a main street in front of their school for an hour, shouting "Release Miss Im." While riot police watched, students unfurled a large yellow banner reading "Abolish national security laws."

In the southern city of Kwangju, about 1,000 students occupied a section of a railway near their school, Chosun University, yesterday, delaying an outbound passenger train for 35 minutes, the Yonhap news agency said.

Police fired volleys of tear-gas to break up the crowd armed with hundreds of firebombs, the South Korean news agency said. Two students were injured by fragments from exploding tear-gas canisters, it said.

Firebombs

In Taegu, President Roh's hometown 280 kilometres (175 miles) southeast of Seoul, 200 radical students fought police with rocks and firebombs for one hour before dispersing voluntarily. They also demanded Im's release.

Friday's clashes followed a government announcement accusing North Korea of manipulating dissident movements in South Korea through its organisations in Europe, Australia and the United States.

The Agency for National Security Planning, the main government intelligence organisation, said Im's illegal trip to North Korea in July was resulted from Pyongyang's manipulation.

North Korea, the agency said, mobilised several pro-communist Korean organisations in the United States, West Germany and Australia to get a South Korean radical student group to send a delegate to a world youth festival in its capital of Pyongyang in July.

After Im's arrival in Pyongyang for the July 1-8 festival, North Korea maximised publicity of her trip for propaganda purposes, the agency charged.

Im was arrested when she returned to the South Aug 15, accompanied by a dissident Catholic priest, who was also arrested on charges of violating the national security law against making an unauthorised visit to an enemy state.

She is charged with other violations ranging from receiving money from communist agents to going to the North under communist orders. If found guilty on all charges, she could be sentenced to death.

The agency said Im was moved from an agency safe house to prison yesterday. Prosecutors have 30 days to decide whether to return her to an indictment.

Briefing reporters yesterday, a spokesman for the security agency said North Korea used an anti-Seoul, pro-communist organisation, called the "Unification Front," with offices in Los Angeles, West Germany and Australia.

The agency said the Los Angeles-based group had a staff member arrange for a member of a similar anti-Seoul group in Australia to fly to Seoul and make arrangements for Im's trip to the North via Frankfurt, West Germany.

A group of dissident Roman Catholic priests said yesterday it plans to send about 20 South Korean clerics to communist North Korea but it wants to do legally this time.

The Catholic Priests Association for Justice, a dissident group, has come under public fire for illegally dispatching a priest last month to escort home a South Korean radical student from an unauthorised trip to the North.

Lee has lived in exile in Minsk in the Soviet Union since 1957 when he sought political asylum refusing an order to return home for involvement in a plot to rise against Kim Il Sung's personal cult. At that time he was North Korean Ambassador to Moscow.

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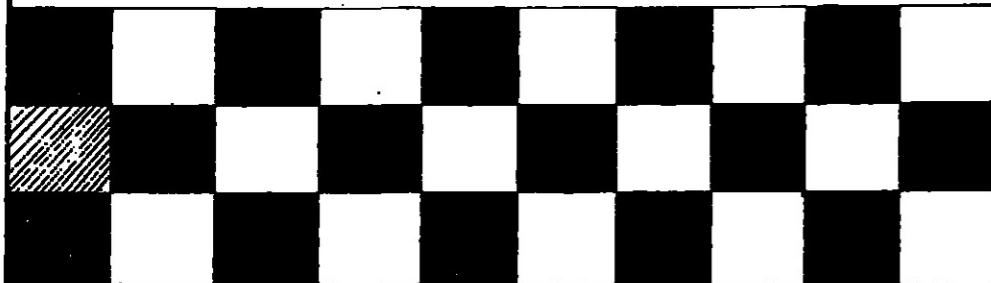
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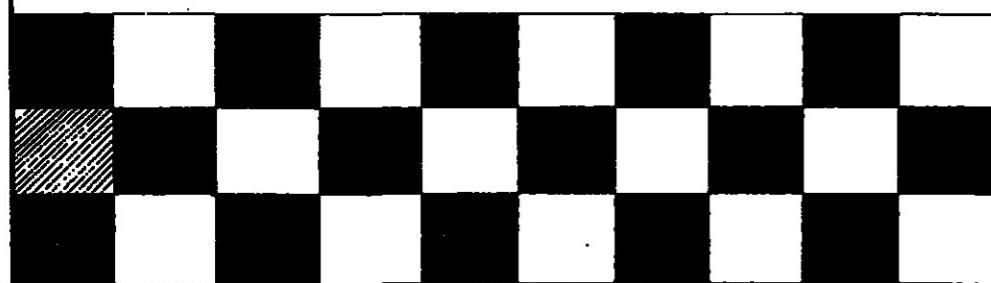
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GOIC criticises lack of export policy

Call to set up industrial strategy

THE Gulf Organisation for Industrial Consultation (GOIC) has criticised the absence of a specific policy for supporting exports in the GCC countries.

In a study published recently, the organisation said for the time being there is no specific policy to support GCC exports either locally or regionally, despite the imperative need for formulating a viable policy.

The study clarified that support should encompass several areas including financial and technical. The study suggested submitting concessional credits to GCC countries' exports to international markets. These procedures are followed by a number of industrialised countries and is

considered as an important means towards supporting exports.

The study called on the member states to finance some long term packages to some friendly countries who would like to import goods from GCC countries. This method had been followed during 1970/1971 for supporting exports of Kuwait Petrochemicals Industries output and had proved beneficial in increasing the company's financial standing as the world petrochemical industries were passing through a critical phase during that period.

Research

In a related development, the study suggested the possibility of the GCC countries

participating in financing scientific and applied research which aims at enhancing the output of industrial projects.

Speaking of the technical support to be extended by the GCC countries to industries, the study suggested that such support could be represented by extending necessary data over the world markets and the volume of the demand for GCC outputs in addition to submitting the necessary data over the cost of the competitive products in the international markets and the choice of the appropriate technology required for improving industrial products.

Meanwhile, GOIC has suggested in its study the establishing of an export bank to be founded especially for extending finan-

cial and technical support to GCC industries. For the time being this task could be awarded to the member states' industrial development banks.

The study called for establishing necessary scientific centres for submitting technical consultations over the current and the future situation of the region provided that such centres should be financed by member states in the form of imposing taxes on the industrial companies' profits.

The study also called for setting up of the necessary industrial strategy which should adopt industries that serve the national economy and eventually help diversify income sources commensurate with available potentials in the arena.

Jail sentence mandatory

Dud cheque cases increase significant

By Lima Al Khalafawi
Arab Times staff

THE assistant undersecretary of the Ministry of Justice for real estate registration and documentation Naser Al Nasrullah has said that the ministry is making a study to protect properties of Kuwaiti citizens abroad. The relevant authorities made preliminary studies to make bilateral agreements between Kuwait and countries in which Kuwaitis have properties like Turkey, Cyprus, Greece and Spain. But he added that the ministry needs important information from citizens who have such properties about difficulties they have encountered in registering and protecting their real estate in these countries.

Nasrullah pointed out that Arab ministers of justice will hold a meeting in Rabat next month to discuss the final draft of the Arab unified law for real estate registration. The law will unify the concepts and rules of registering real estate in Arab countries. The law will also settle disputes about ownership of properties among Arab countries in an amicable manner. He added that the ministry is now revising the clauses of the GCC Economic Agreement that relates to ownership of properties in GCC states by citizens. The GCC states will hold a meeting on Sept 20 to discuss difficulties that hinder the application of this part of the agreement, he said.

Computerisation

The real estate registration department of the ministry began using computers in storing data of all documents of ownership of real estates since 1980. The computer will also be used in issuing real estate certificates required by official departments as of the new year, he said. The department also began using the microfilm service to store real estate contracts and is working to increase Kuwaiti cadres in the department, the official said.

Real estate registration is intended to streamline the work process and other formalities at the real estates market in Kuwait. Presently, some local banks have projects to make a real estate portfolio to activate the dealing movement at the market. The Public Investment Authority completed procedures to register real estates it bought recently in order to activate the market. He added that the present situation in the real estate market is subject to offer and demand.

Smoking meet

THE second Arab Symposium to combat smoking will be held in Baghdad from Oct 28 until Oct 30, 1989. In the symposium, Bahrain will be represented by the consultant of the nose, ear and throat diseases and head of the Bahrain Cancer Fighting Society. Dr Jafar Al Ibreq who will also present a special research on throat cancer and its relationship with smoking.

Ibreeq stated that research results revealed that among the thirteen throat cancer cases which occurred in Bahrain during the past three years, ten cases are direct results of smoking.

he gave the cheque to his partner on grounds of guarantee for the project in which he poured all his bank liquidity. The man said that he was left bare handed during the investigations when his partner took complete possession of all documents and the company.

He said no other alternative action could be taken for issuing dud cheques except imprisonment.

Another man "Abu Ahmed" who is serving his sentence in prison said that he was jailed for seven years and three months. Abu Ahmed spent three years and four months for issuing dud cheques with a value of KD150,000. He admitted that he was previously jailed for the same offence in 1974 and '80.

He had a trading business including buying and selling shares. He was imprisoned in June, 1986. He said his balance in the bank was not enough, so he asked his payees to give him a few days to cash the cheques, as he lost all his money in the stock market.

Another 36-year-old convict said that he was running a good business in Kuwait. He came to Kuwait in 1979. By the end of 1980 he was lucky to open many companies and stores with another Kuwaiti. He also offered to buy shares for their young company. But he was targeted by his competitors in the market, for trading in drugs and was ordered to leave the country.

Prior to his deportation, he was sent to the central prison for issuing dud cheques of KD1,000.

The man serving five years in the central prison said that it is

very difficult for him to solve his other business with his partner because he is serving his term now. The man was fully aware of what he did, and admitted that he was tricked by his partner who wanted to cash the cheque to get rid of him.

Arab Times interviewed a number of bankers regarding the issuance of cheque books. The general consensus is that bankers issue cheques only after ascertaining the credit-worthiness of the customers. Should a customer issue a cheque with insufficient funds, the bank sends the customer a letter of warning. A repeat performance incurs a second stricter warning. On third instance, the customer is called to return the cheque book and his account is closed.

Another banker said that the phenomenon of providing post-dated cheques for the purchase of cars on instalments has also contributed to a large extent to the number of cases of dud cheques. These post-dated cheques are akin to promissory notes.

Seven years imprisonment and a fine of KD700 is the maximum punishment for issuing dud cheques, according to lawyer Khalid Taher. He said that any person who issues dud cheques will be imprisoned if he has not abandoned his family. He added that the law says that the person who issued the dud cheque could not cash the cheque, ordered the bank not to honour the cheque, or his signature defaced.

However, if there is an out-of-court settlement between the two parties, the court will set aside its verdict, the lawyer said.

Shop-owners complain

Shop-lifting rampant in Kuwait

By Bassam Qassas

ARAB TIMES/Seyassah have continued its tour of the local markets to collect views by shop owners on the growing phenomenon of shop-lifting, which, as some shop-owners say are mostly never referred to the police to avoid problems and therefore the incidents would usually be forgotten soon after the stolen article is returned.

Some say that on a number of occasions ladies would ask to try on a number of articles and often left the try-on kiosk with one article worn underneath.

One salesman said that it came to a point where employees could readily recognise those who visit the shop with the intention of stealing. "We have developed a special gesture to draw our staff's attention to suspicious customers and consequently we would have them closely watched," he said.

Another salesman said that most thefts took place during peak work pressure hours where there would be many customers in the shop, such as during social or religious occasions. Potential thieves believe that during these periods, control will be difficult

to maintain. However, we were successfully able to foil many, high-priced articles, like watches, rings or expensive pens," he said.

A saleswoman at a ladies' wear shop said that sometimes five or six items are stolen in one day. Despite the presence of a scanning camera, we have to keep our eyes wide open, she fumed.

She added that strangely certain ladies look too classy for us to even suspect them of having hidden any of the articles they would ask to try on, much less accuse them of actually doing that.

A salesman said that some women would steal a part of the



Shop staff have to be constantly on the alert.

woman's suit they asked to try on, others would steal belts, and that thefts in general were becoming so common that all staff have to be constantly on a state of alert. Some of our staff are forced to follow potential shoplifters like their shadows to prevent giving them the slightest chance to steal any article.

An owner of a watch shop said that thefts occurring in his shop are much the same but different in style. One day a customer came to his shop and asked to buy the most expensive watch available. "Despite the high-class air that he was putting on, I still suspected him, and I nevertheless wrapped up a rare and

very expensive watch that was in my shop of a value totalling KD4920, but when he attempted to issue a cheque I said it was against company policy to take cheques."

He added, I learnt later from my fellow business colleagues that the man was notorious for offering dud cheques and had actually been let out of jail only a few days back.

Another salesman said that some customers would attempt to get away with the article by offering phony or expired credit cards, but would always try to leave hastily when we try to confirm the validity of their cards by calling their banks.

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Constructive exchange on Arab causes

Cabinet briefed on Amir's trips abroad

KUWAIT, Sept 9, (Kuna): HH the Amir today presided over a cabinet session at the Bayan Palace in the presence of HH the Crown Prince and Premier.

State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Abdul Aziz Al Rashed told reporters that HH the Amir briefed the cabinet on the satisfactory results of his recent visit to Egypt at the invitation of President Hosni Mubarak.

The Amir also spoke of the "constructive exchanges" that took place during the visit which tackled all Arab causes topped by the tragic situation in Lebanon and developments of the Palestinian question in addition to Arab-Islamic and Afro-Arab relations, Rashed underlined.

The talks further covered all aspects of bilateral co-operation in various spheres, the minister said, noting that HH had expressed deep appreciation toward the frank and brotherly feelings and the hospitality accorded to him on the popular and official levels which reflected spirit of

brotherhood and solid relations binding the two peoples.

HH expressed satisfaction toward the joint and identical views between Kuwait and Egypt on all problems discussed and toward the level of bilateral relations which will positively reflect on interests of both nations and on boosting joint Arab endeavour and serving Islamic and Arab questions, Rashed went on.

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He said that HH further explained to the cabinet the outcome of the 9th non-aligned summit conference which concluded in Belgrade at dawn yesterday.

HH who headed Kuwait's delegation to the summit, spoke of the international political questions tackled at the summit including the Palestinian cause, the Lebanese crisis and means of ensuring comprehensive peace in the Gulf area.

Nam debates on the international debt problem and its impact on the present and future status of the developing nations and

the Amir's initiative in this regard, which was appreciated by all participating countries in view of its practicality, were also reviewed by the Amir in his address to the cabinet, Rashed noted.

The Amir also informed cabinet members on details of the meetings he held on the periphery of the Nam summit with a number of leaders of sisterly and friendly countries which were conducted to boost the role of Nam and develop its mechanism of work to achieve aspired goals, Rashed elaborated.

The state minister noted that the cabinet, for its part, warmly thanked HH for his constructive role in the conference which reflected the concern and keenness of Kuwait to positively solve problems of human society.

The cabinet also expressed satisfaction over the Nam summit's objective resolutions, the minister noted, adding that the decisions formed a qualitative step along the Nam path of enhancing world peace

and fostering political and economic cooperation among the Third World countries in a way realising their peoples' aspirations.

The state minister underlined that HH the Amir briefed the cabinet on results of his meetings with Bulgarian President Todor Zhivkov and Turkish President Kenan Evren during his brief visits to Varna and Istanbul on his way home from Belgrade.

Rashed quoted the Amir as saying that he exchanged views with both heads of state on possibility of settling their countries dispute within framework of HH's good offices in his capacity as current chairman of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC).

Rashed noted that HH aims at containing this dispute via amicable means to restore good neighbourly relations between them based on the Amir's keenness to follow up all issues of concern to the Islamic nation.



Amir receives Joxe

French Interior Minister Pierre Joxe, currently on an official visit to the country, today conferred separately with His Highness the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah and His Highness the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdulla Al Salem Al Sabah.

The outcome of the two meetings which were held in presence of Kuwaiti Interior Minister Sheikn Salem Al Sabah has not been made available.

Sheikn Salem and Joxe presided over Kuwaiti-French talks on security affairs, which began late in the day.

Joxe is the first French Interior Minister to visit Kuwait since it attained independence in 1961.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Amiri cables

KUWAIT, Sept 9, (Kuna): His Highness the Amir today sent a cable of congratulations to the Bulgarian president on the occasion of his country's national day.

HH also sent a similar cable to the president of the Peoples Democratic Republic of Korea on the occasion of his country's national day.

Premier messages

KUWAIT, Sept 9, (Kuna): HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdulla Al Salem Al Sabah today received a message from British heir apparent Prince Charles.

Sheikn Saad also received a message from British Premier Margaret Thatcher.

The two messages were relayed by British Charge d'Affaires to Kuwait Ian E. Blackley.

Education meeting

KUWAIT, Sept 9, (Kuna): Education Minister Anwar Al-Nouri today chaired a meeting of the council of undersecretaries.

The council discussed preparations for the new academic year, which will start Monday.

French-visit

KUWAIT, Sept 9, (Kuna): Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmed met at his office today with visiting French Interior Minister Pierre Joxe and the accompanying delegation.

Present at the meeting were Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah, Foreign Ministry Undersecretary Suleiman Majid Al-Shaheen, other senior officials from the ministry and Director-General of the Public Administration for Security of Installations and Special Forces Brigadier Yousef Al Misbari.

The French Ambassador to Kuwait Jean Bellivier also took part in the meeting.

Sheikn Sabah told reporters that the encounter centred on bilateral relations and the situation in Lebanon and the Middle East.

He added that talks between the French minister and his Kuwaiti counterpart would tackle strengthening of bilateral co-operation in the fields of social security and combatting of terrorism and drug trafficking.

Literacy drive

RIYADH, Sept 9, (Kuna): The Arab Educational Bureau for the Arab Gulf countries today called for concerted efforts to eliminate illiteracy in the developing nations once and for all.

A statement, issued by the bureau's Director-General Dr Ali Bin Mohamad Al Turwipri on the occasion of the International Day for Illiteracy which fell yesterday, advocated spreading public awareness on dangers of illiteracy.

The bureau, in co-operation with Unesco and other international organisations, will contribute in conferences, seminars and activities that will start by 1990 to mark the start of the proposed international decade for illiteracy eradication, he concluded.

Weather forecast

WELL known Kuwaiti astronomer, Dr Saleh Al Ujaifi said yesterday that temperatures and relative humidity will continue at their present level till the end of this month. The country is passing through a state of dry weather and this wave will continue for 7-10 days. But he added that relative humidity will go up in the beginning of next month accompanied by a slight drop in temperature.

This weather will continue till the third week of October when heavy showers of rains are expected with a fall in temperature. He added that rains will soon be followed by another wave of dry weather which will continue till the end of the first week of November.

Kuwaiti souks to be completely re-organised

Amir market to open next National Day



Houti visiting the Amir Souk.

MINISTER of Public Works Adini Rahman Al Houti said yesterday that the Amir Souk in Kuwait City will be opened during the celebration of the 29th National Day in February next year. The establishment of this market comes within the re-organisation of the old Kuwaiti markets in the heart of Kuwait City. Houti said that HH the Amir and the government are paying great attention to this re-organisation.

The new markets will maintain their Kuwaiti traditional architectural designs with a modern touch. The markets include the Amir Souk, Fish, Vegetables and Fruits Market, Money-exchange square, Harrem (women) market, Wajef and Zal markets. The official said that the fish, vegetables and fruits market will be offered in a tender in November this year.

The reorganisation project is necessitated as these markets have become outdated.

Houti said that the Fish, Vegetables and Fruits Market will consist of about 500 shops in addition to a car park for 300 cars. The costs of the project is estimated at KD 4.75 million.

The Amir Souk will consist of over 75 shops in addition to public services and utilities. A number of beautification projects will be carried out in the souks besides establishing a public cafe and other utilities. Work in the Amir Souk started November last year. Houti also toured the two main markets and inspected the progress of work.

Meanwhile undersecretary of the Ministry of Public Works Mohammed Al Sane has said that the ministry is about to complete 21 projects being carried out on behalf of ministries and government establishments.

He expected that these projects will be completed before the end of this year. These projects consist of schools for the Ministry of Education costing KD4 million (two secondary schools and the religious institute). The Public Works Ministry will also complete a project of the Kuwait Society for the Blind.

He pointed out that Public Works Ministry is carrying out some projects for the National Guards of the Defence Ministry. One of these projects is the premises and headquarters of the National Guard and barracks rooms for officers at National Guard Camp. The project costs about KD285,000. We are also building barracks rooms for soldiers (46 barracks rooms) that cost KD520,000 beside similar barracks for soldiers and non-commissioned officers at the National Guards Camp in Mubarakiya (Jiwani) that cost KD 1.3 million.

The ministry is expanding the Telecommunications Training Institute of the Ministry of Communications that cost KD3 million. The ministry is carrying out the first stage of the project to renew the sewage network in Kuwait besides carrying out new sewage networks at some roads under construction like Jahra-Ghazali road, internal roads in Kuwait City, internal roads that link different units of Defence Ministry and in South of Surra area, the official said.

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The ambassador told a local daily that Romania was among the leading states to appreciate the speech's humanitarian effects, and its positive role in setting the rules for a new international economic order which will help developing countries.

Hailing Romanian-Kuwaiti relations, the diplomat said that the existing dialogue between his country and Kuwait since 1961 crystallises the two countries' desire to expand bilateral relations.

The total number of students in the 125 Arab and foreign private schools reached 135,000, Sharrah said.

Private schools needs being monitored

ASSISTANT undersecretary for private education at the Education Ministry Dr Yaqoob Al Sharrah has said that preparations for the new academic year continue. A plan has been set up to monitor the needs of private schools for teachers, principals, administrators and financial staff.

He told a local daily that a general meeting was held at the ministry's training centre attended by principals from private schools during which discussion dealt with preparations to receive students at the start of the new year.

He added that emphasis was laid during the meeting on the need for continuous co-operation with the Private Education Department at the ministry in respect to meeting any potential need for teachers, approve appointed teachers and maintain regular checks of budgetary matters.

Students registration continues and so far 17,000 pupils have enrolled. The department plans to prepare an inventory of students up to mid October.

The official urged parents to enrol their children at schools in areas of low population density and avoid insistence on schools in certain locations to prevent any undue rise in student numbers.

Sharrah said that parrots, monkeys and wild animals were denied access into the country under the law. Such animals if imported will be exterminated as a measure intended to protect the national animal resources and human beings from many serious diseases believed to be contagious.

He said that the department had to put up with excessive pressure as a result of the high demand for its services amidst very active import activities in the country involving animals purchased from abroad.

UN chief appreciates Amir's debt suggestion

KUWAIT, Sept 9, (Kuna): UN Secretary-General Javier Peres de Cuelar was quoted here today as expressing deep appreciation of HH the Amir's last year proposal for writing off interests on the Third World debts.

In a statement to a local Kuwaiti daily De Cuelar described the Amir's call as positive and constructive.

He added that finding a solution for debt problems is very important to accelerate development in those states.

Peres de Cuelar, who made the statement in Belgrade where he attended the non-aligned summit conference which ended Thursday, said that HH the Amir's proposal will be discussed by UN experts as it is considered very important.

Responding to a question on the outcome of the non-aligned summit, the secretary-general said that the outcome was fruitful and dealt with the issues which concern the movement's member states particularly in achieving world peace.

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Gang fights common in remote localities

Lethal weapons used

KUWAITI authorities have late been concerned with the increase in incidents of youths engaging in gang fights. The increase in the number of casualties reported — some of which are of serious nature manifests the necessity for urgent action to redress this phenomenon.

In this report, several social elements have been interviewed to ascertain the causes and effects of such gang fights among youths who do not hesitate to use sharp, lethal weapons.

In an interview a segment of gang members, said that basically they are located in remote areas which lack any recreational facilities. Plenty of leisure and no where to spend it inevitably leads to a sense of abandonment resulting in a feeling of doing something adventurous. This feeling of attaining excitement is a common thread amongst several groups of youths and eventually results in rivalry culminating in pitched fights between rival groups of youths.

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Thought for today

KEEP your mouth shut, your eyes open — Japanese proverb.

Rocard open to ridicule

PREMIER Michel Rocard looks a bit odd and uncomfortable these days in French newspaper cartoons, wearing only a loincloth or fig leaf on his skinny frame.

For the new look in governmental fashion, the Socialist premier can blame his own chief aide, Jean-Paul Huchon, who enumerated Rocard's 11 chief social policy goals in a speech last week, and chose to the "labours of Hercules."

Above from leaving Rocard open to ridicule from opposition leaders and cartoonists alike, the evocation of the Greek hero's superhuman feats has focused attention on a widespread feeling within Rocard's own Socialist Party that the government has put too much emphasis on a sober management and not enough on social progress.

Even the list of would-be herculean tasks set out by Huchon falls well short of what many Socialists would like to see. Included are such goals as a reform of the financing of social spending and a proposed pact with public employee unions linking higher pay with more competitive and efficient service.

Defence Minister Jean-Pierre Chevenement, a leader of the party's left wing, said in a speech last week that it was time to put an end to the "free-market turn" that socialist policies had taken in France.

When President Francois Mitterrand led the socialists to power in 1981, they installed a programme of wage increases, reduction in hours worked weekly, nationalization of industries and other measures that quickly had the economy headed toward ruin, with high inflation and a disastrous trade deficit.

The government reversed course two years later, and ever since the Socialists have pursued economic policies founded on free-market principles and generally only a bit to the left of those put in place when the conservatives were back in power from 1986-88.

"It's always within a family that there's the most squabbling," he was quoted as saying this week in an interview with the weekly *Le Point*. "What I'm hearing these days, I don't take it for criticism, but for the normal phosphorescence of a party for which the worst thing would be to become a party of yes-men."

The bickering within the socialist family certainly hasn't hurt Rocard's popularity ratings.

A poll by the Sofres public opinion firm published Saturday in the weekly *Figaro*-magazine found 61 per cent of those sampled had confidence in Rocard to solve France's problems, compared with 33 per cent who did not. The other 6 per cent had no opinion. Other recent polls have had similar results.

"Rocard is very concerned with good management, which can be popular with those who are not the traditional supporters of the left," Education Minister Lionel Jospin said in a televised interview Monday.

Left unsaid was the point that Rocard is not as popular as he might be among those who do traditionally support the left — especially union leaders and public employees and even Socialist Party members.

A front-page cartoon in the newspaper *Le Monde* recently showed Rocard, in his loincloth, having objects thrown at him in a socialist meeting. Outside the door, a man and woman are saying, "We think Rocard's doing pretty well." A party official replies, "Oh. You must not be in the party."

Rocard, Jospin, Chevenement and former Socialist Premier Laurent Fabius are all contenders for the succession to Mitterrand when his second term expires in 1995, and they are already jockeying for position.

The biggest hazard looming for Rocard is the prospect of widespread strikes this fall by public employees — ranging from airport firemen to post office workers to policemen. In something of an autumn routine in France, their leaders have been promising to "make things hot" for the government unless they get higher pay.

They point to better-than-expected economic growth this year, which has swelled government revenues, and say public workers should get a share.

Mitterrand, keeping with his normal practice, has had little to say or do with such domestic political matters.

PRESS REVIEW

A UNITED Arab Emirates (UAE) newspaper on Saturday urged the superpowers to co-operate with the Non-Aligned Movement in helping to resolve global problems.

The Dubai-based *Gulf News* was commenting on the outcome of the ninth summit of the movement which it said had adopted a "noticeably moderate" tone in its final document.

"The Nam has sent out a signal to the two superpowers that it is willing to co-operate to draw up and implement global solutions to the world's problems," the paper said.

It urged the Western countries in particular to recognise they have "a historic opportunity to lead the Third World as well as the Eastern bloc in a new and more productive path."

The paper praised the Belgrade communique as a "remarkable achievement" because of the consensus it managed to reach among the 100 odd Nam members.

"The rest of the world should not fail to take notice of the less strident but no less urgent voice in which Nam has spoken at Belgrade," it said. (Kuna)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1526 — Forces under Turkey's Suleiman I capture city of Buda in Hungary.

1547 — Pierluigi Farnese, the pope's son, is murdered by Ferrante di Gonzaga, governor of Milan.

1654 — Russia's Tsar Alexei takes Smolensk after outbreak of war with Poland.

1780 — Hyder Ali of Mysore conquers region around Madras, India.

1844 — France's war in Morocco ends with Treaty of Tangier.

1885 — Britain makes compromise settlement with Russia over Afghanistan frontier.

1898 — Empress Elizabeth of Austria-Hungary is assassinated by Italian anarchist in Geneva.

1907 — British colony of New Zealand becomes a dominion.

1918 — Muslim rebels break out in Calcutta, India.

1935 — Assembly of white settlers in Kenya denounces government policy and advocates closer union with Uganda and Tanganyika.

1959 — German Army gains complete control of western Poland; Canada declares war on Germany.

1945 — Vidkun Quisling is sentenced to death in Norway for collaboration with Germany during World War II.

1956 — President Gamal Abdel Nasser, who seized Suez Canal July 26, rejects 18-nation proposals for crossing the waterway.

1964 — Foreign ministers of Organization of African Unity, meeting in Addis Ababa, approve plan to end rebellion and political strife in Congo.

1967 — Gibraltar electorate votes to retain link with Britain rather than to return to Spanish sovereignty.

1972 — United States vetoes UN Security Council resolution that calls for immediate cessation of military operations in Middle East.

1987 — United Nations Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar starts mission to persuade Iran and Iraq to end their seven-year-old war and says he is hopeful.

1988 — Burma's president says nation's ruling party has decided to relinquish 26-year monopoly and hold free elections under multiparty system.

Power from barrel of a gun

Nothing has changed in Sudan

TANKS still guard military barracks and bridges over the two Nile rivers that come together at this desert capital. Military roadblocks are set up every evening at main intersections for the night-long curfew. And most of the top political leaders one once saw being driven around town are now in jail.

But little else appears to have changed since a pre-dawn coup June 30 turned Sudan — formerly one of Africa's few multiparty democracies — into a military dictatorship.

The outlook here, among Sudanese civilians and Western diplomats, is that Sudan is probably in for a prolonged period of military rule. "He doesn't like political parties; he denounces them," says a Western diplomat here who has met Sudan's new, self-appointed military ruler, Lt Gen. Omar Hassan Al Bashir.

This diplomat says General Bashir sees the military as the logical, "ultimate" form of power. And that Bashir plans to stay as long as it takes to restore the economy and obtain an end to Sudan's six-year civil war with rebels in the south. These rebels are demanding a larger share of power in a unified government.

But Sudanese civilians and Western diplomats here say Bashir's actions toward achieving these twin aims have been confusing and conflicting. There is growing concern here, say some of these sources, that Bashir may in fact be leaning toward resumption of the war, rather than making a peace pact.

The new strong man still faces the uncertainty that a number of other military coups were in the making when Bashir made his move, diplomatic sources here say. Although he has since dismissed more than 300 Army and police officials and retired a number of senior military officers, he cannot be sure he has flushed out his potential rivals.

Meanwhile, he has transformed an open, free-talking atmosphere in Khartoum to one of caution, even fear. "People are afraid," says one Sudanese journalist. "We could be arrested at any time," a University of Khartoum professor says.

The military government of Bashir has banned all political parties, all newspapers (save a military one), all civilian associations, and all civilian meetings without government permission. The government also has detained without charges not only most of the top political leaders of the previous regime, but a number of civil and human-rights activists too.

Among those detained, according to a reliable Sudanese human rights activist who asked not to be named, is Ushari Ahmed Mahmoud, a lecturer at the University of Khartoum; Mustafa Abdil Gadir, a civil rights activist; and Khalid El Kid, professor of political science at nearby Omdurman Ahia University. All three have criticised the military under past governments.

"They (the current military government) are settling scores, with people who have opposed the military in the past," says this activist.

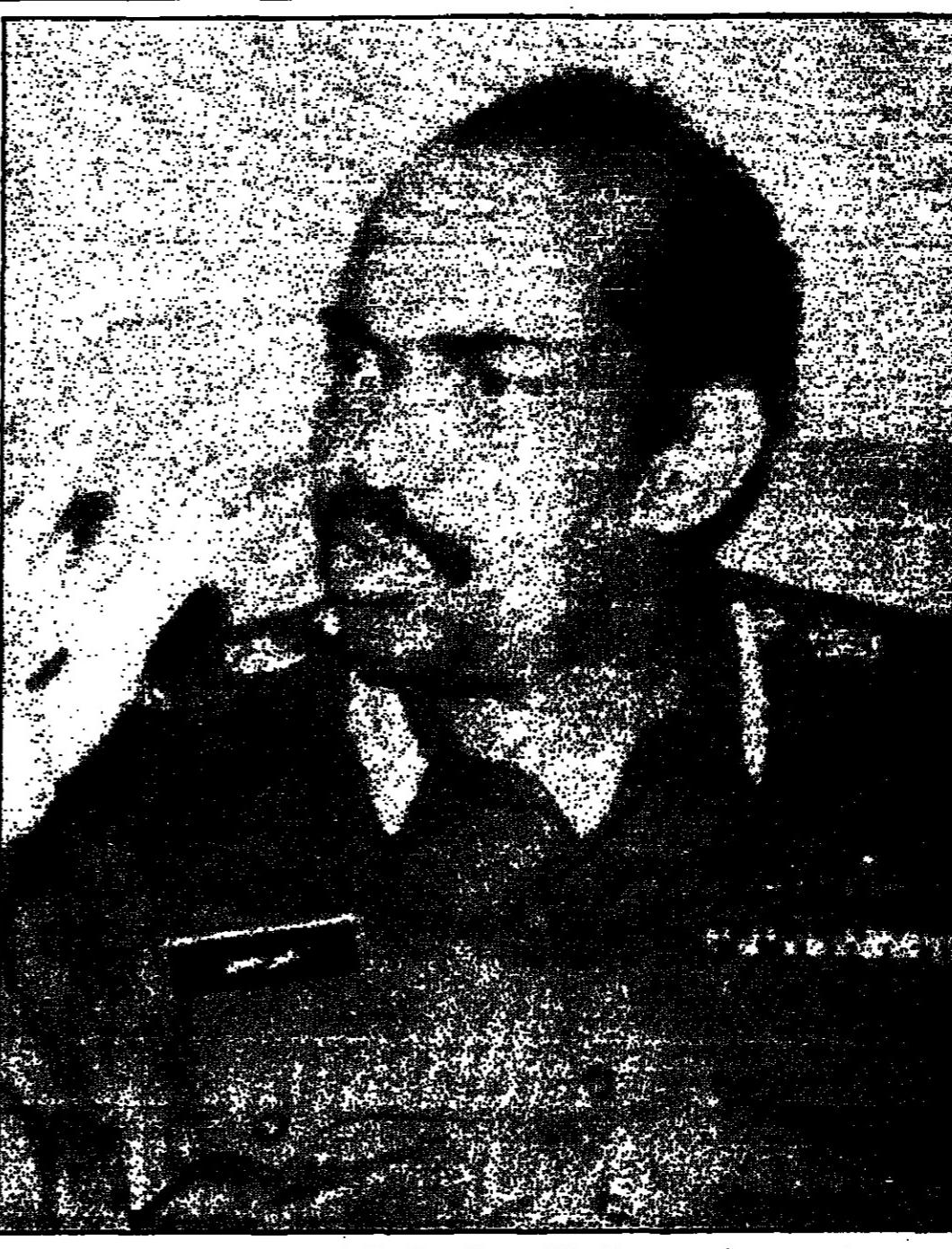
On the three issues of peace, the economy, and democracy, most Sudanese interviewed are willing to "wait and see" how the new government handles them.

"I think he (Bashir) will be given a chance to see what progresses. Let's say a year," says El Faith Mekki, a Sudanese paediatrician.

PEACE: Both Bashir and the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) publicly say they are ready to negotiate peace. On Aug 14 SPLA leader John Garang broke a long silence on Bashir and said the General might be more interested in dividing the country into two parts than in reaching an agreement with the SPLA for a united Sudan. The next day Colonel Garang called on Bashir to form a new national army, including the SPLA, and to hold free elections. He rejected Bashir's offer for a ceasefire and for an amnesty for the rebels, but said he remains willing to talk. SPLA officials are disengaged, one of them says.

Bashir has thrown out the agreement which the previous government reached with the SPLA. It called for a ceasefire, an end to Sudanese foreign military pacts, freezing physical punishments under sharia (Islamic law), and holding a constitutional conference.

Instead, Bashir has offered two things: the SPLA does not want secession of the south, and a popular, nation-wide vote on whether to keep sharia. The SPLA suspects that such a vote would bring new



Lt Gen. Omar Hassan Al Bashir

support to keep sharia, something the SPLA insists must be set aside because of the many non-Muslim Sudanese.

"I get the impression there will never, never be any peace" under Bashir, says a European diplomat in Khartoum. The diplomat says Bashir may have come to power "to pre-empt peace," noting that the coup took place just as peace negotiations appeared to be making progress. But another possibility is that he jumped in front of other military officers also planning imminent coups.

Bashir, this diplomat adds, either does not understand peace negotiations or wants to "provoke" the SPLA into action that would be an excuse for moving toward secession — dividing Sudan into an Muslim-dominated north and a predominantly animist-Christian south.

But a Western diplomat says most Sudanese would likely support a move toward secession.

On the issue of setting aside sharia, Mounir Ahmed, a private Sudanese social-work administrator and a devout Muslim, says he could never accept such a thing for the Muslim dominated areas of Sudan. Given the choice between more fighting and losing sharia, "I would choose to fight," he says.

But a Muslim Sudanese physician says, "Peace is more important. People are starving; children are dying."

ECONOMY: Bashir's government has made some popular moves to force merchants to sell basic foods at low, government-decreed prices. But shopkeepers have either quickly run out of goods or refused to open their stores.

"Prices are low, but the stores are empty," complains a Sudanese taxi driver here. He and others

complain of shortages of gasoline, sugar, bread, and other items.

The new government leaders "have no conception of what an economic policy is," says the University of Khartoum professor.

If the war is resumed or the economic crisis deepens, people are likely to demonstrate in the streets in large numbers, says the Western diplomat. Such demonstrations helped bring down the Jaafar Nimeiry government in April 1985.

DEMOCRACY: At first, Bashir did not use the word "democracy" in his speeches. Then it began to crop up. But Sudanese civilians interviewed expressed no sadness at the demise of democracy, saying that the former democratic government of Prime Minister Sadiq Al Mahdi had failed to end the war or improve the economy.

"Everyone felt there was a need for a change," says Ahmed. "But nobody can tell whether he (Bashir) would be satisfied with the Army ruling the country for the long run." Ahmed, like other Sudanese contacted, cited alleged corruption under the previous government as one of the reasons why people welcomed change.

"Democracy is very important," says Dr El Faith. "But democracy in such a country as Sudan? he asks rhetorically, citing the nation's low level of literacy and high level of poverty. The government of Mahdi, he alleged, "misused democracy."

A Western diplomat said the tragic flaw in Sudan's recent democratic period was that the political parties fought with each other instead of pulling together for the national good. "But I'm afraid if it comes some day ... you'll again have the same parties." (Khartoum — CSM)

Refugees live in desperation

"I WAS a building contractor. I had a lot of houses and trucks. Now, in this camp, my children are nearly naked. I'm not used to it."

As Somalian Mohamed Abdillahi Youssef — one of the world's more than 14 million refugees — tells his story, a dozen pairs of eyes peer in from under the burlap and plastic walls of his hut.

His green-and-white scarf, a lingering touch of affluence, hangs down to frayed, gray-and-white-striped slacks. His plight illustrates the disruption in the lives of most refugees, and the challenges in helping them, especially in desolate, desert areas such as this one, miles from food and water. Water to the Somali camps, for example, is trucked in from wells 50 miles away.

Though Africa's approximately four million refugees constitute less than a third of the world's total, they absorb almost half the budget of the United Nations High Commission on Refugees (UNHCR).

"Everything has to be brought in, from food to tents to cooking utensils," says Meryem Amar, a UNHCR spokesperson in the Ethiopian capital of Addis Ababa. "Sometimes we have to build roads," she says.

The number of African refugees continues to climb, with civil wars continuing in Sudan, Ethiopia, Somalia, Mozambique, and Angola. And a border dispute between Senegal and Mauritania has forced the exodus of thousands from both countries.

As the escape door for people fleeing violence in both Sudan and Somalia, Ethiopia — among Africa's poorest nations — has become the unintended host to more refugees than any other African country, about 800,000, according to the UNHCR. Several hundred people continue to arrive daily from both countries, says a UNHCR official.

Last summer, several thousand Somali civilians trekked in daily as Somali troops fought fiercely against Somali rebels, especially in the city of Hargeisa, in northern Somalia, Abdillahi's home.

As Abdillahi continues his story, the curious crowd outside the hut swells to scores. But beyond the circle, camp life rolls slowly on in a routine mixed with desperation and fear, but also enterprise and

hope.

While some camp residents claim they are nearly starving for lack of food, others, according to camp officials and some refugees, claim more than their share of rations by using multiple ration cards obtained by registering several times under assumed names.

"Some refugees happen to have five, six, 10 ration cards," says Alber-Alain Peters, UNHCR representative to Ethiopia. "Others, the most vulnerable ones, have one, maybe two."

In an interview at the food distribution site, a Somali refugee says fear of not getting enough food drives some refugees to sign up for more than one ration card.

"The problem of rations is the frequency of distribution is not right," says the refugee. "It always come late. Sometimes we don't get a ration for one month."

The food distribution, witnessed by this correspondent, was the first in more than a month, according to Ethiopian and UNHCR officials. Items such as wheat flour and cooking oil do not always arrive in the camps at the same time from various international donors. Rather than hand out part of the ration, everything is held until the package is complete, a UNHCR official said.

There are also not enough trucks to keep up with timely food distribution, says another UNHCR official.

One result: "Those people with one ration card may starve," says an Ethiopian official at the camp. "They're getting about one third of what they should get."

Willard Pearson, Jr., is the representative to Ethiopia of the US Agency for International Development, a major food donor to the camps. He says it appears some food is going to people in "inappropriate ways," while "some people are simply not getting enough." He points out that there was a high level of malnutrition among the children in the camps.

But even the destitute sell some rationed food to obtain other kinds of foods lacking in their diet here.

One small store offers soap, spaghetti, cigarettes, pens, powdered soft drinks, and a radio repair service. Ethiopia — CSM

cent last March. Since then, supplemental feeding for children under five and pregnant women and mothers of nursing babies has brought the level down to about 15 per cent, he says.

A one-day re-registration of all the refugees was planned for Aug 15 to try to solve the problem of ration cheaters. It might also shed new light on one of the biggest mysteries of the Somali camps: How many refugees there actually are.

Going by Ethiopian figures, based on registration of everyone showing up and claiming to be a refugee, there are about 600,000 refugees in or around the camps. But a "guess" last summer by the UN put the number of refugees at just over half that, so only enough food for about 350,000 is being delivered, Peters says.

Peters also says the Ethiopian government has arrested a number of Ethiopian food-truck drivers and other Ethiopians on charges of stealing food.

Another part of the food problem is that ethnic Somalis living on both sides of the Ethiopia-Somalia border look similar and speak the same language, making it difficult for registration officials to know who is a refugee.

While for many, camp life means endless idle days of discouragement,

MIDEAST

US seeks Zahir Shah's help for Afghan settlement

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9. (AP): The United States has sent a special envoy to the former King of Afghanistan to discuss a possible political settlement of the Afghan civil war, an administration official said last night.

The King, Zahir Shah, has been living in Rome since he was deposed in a 1973 coup — led by his cousin, Mohammad Daoud — that overthrew the monarchy and established the Republic of Afghanistan. Daoud was killed in a 1978 coup that installed a communist government, backed by the

Soviet Union.

The Soviets sent in troops in 1978 to back their Afghan allies against the Muslim rebels.

The insurgency, backed by the United States, was expected by some analysts to topple the Soviet-supported government after the withdrawal of Soviet troops in February.

But the government has held on, helped by arms shipments from the Soviet Union and dissident among the rebel factions.

The United States has been exploring

a political settlement for several months.

The king has both supporters and opponents among the resistance groups.

The US envoy visited the king in Rome last week, said the official who disclosed the visit, speaking on condition that no further identification be used.

It was at least the second such consultation, he said, adding, "it was not an extraordinary event."

Meanwhile, Afghan rebels captured

four security posts and three tanks as they battled closer to the communist-held garrison town of Khost near the Pakistan border, rebel sources contend.

A spokesman for Jalaluddin Haqqani, commander of what is reported to be a combined force of 3,000 US-backed rebels, said the insurgents are within three miles (five kilometers) on all sides of the besieged town.

Another source said the rebels, called mujahedeen, destroyed an AN-26 transport plane in a rocket attack on

Khost's airport on Wednesday.

Haqqani's spokesman, who goes by the name Mohed, said 15 government troops surrendered and handed over some heavy guns. He said three mujahedeen were killed and 14 wounded. Government casualties were unknown.

The spokesman said.

He said rebels captured three tanks as they overran four posts, which he identified as Walim, Ghubao, Mirba and Bak.

The reports contradicted a recent Afghan government statement that the

battle for Khost was "completely over."

Reporters in the capital, Kabul, were told that government forces had retaken all positions lost since the rebels started the Khost offensive on Aug. 24.

A news agency representing seven mujahedeen groups based in Pakistan said that on Wednesday night the rebels hit Khost airport with long-range rockets, setting fire to buildings and destroying a Soviet-built AN-26 on the ground.

Iran claims Gulf talks progress

NICOSIA, Sept. 9. (Agencies): Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati said today negotiations at the summit of the Non-Aligned Movement in Belgrade concerning the stalled Gulf war peace talks went better than Iran had expected.

Tehran Radio quoted Velayati as saying "what was passed in relation to the Iran-Iraq peace talks in the closing draft of the summit is far more balanced than what was first predicted."

The radio said that Velayati's comments were made on his return to Tehran from Belgrade, where the Non-Aligned summit closed yesterday.

The English-language Tehran Times, meanwhile, said in an editorial today that "some progress appears to have been made ... in the Iran-Iraq conflict."

Meanwhile, a Swedish general has taken over as commander in chief of UN forces monitoring the Gulf war ceasefire, the Iranian news agency IRNA said today.

It said Brigadier General Per Tage Karlstrom arrived in Tehran last night to replace General James Kelley, whose one-year mission in Iran ended last week.

MIDEAST BRIEFS

Visa requirements

TUNIS, Sept. 9. (Reuters): Egypt and Tunisia abolished visa requirements for Egyptian and Tunisian citizens with effect from today, a joint communiqué said.

The communiqué, released last night after a short visit to Tunis by Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, said the prime ministers of the two countries would chair a meeting of a joint co-operation commission in the next few weeks.

Mubarak and Tunisian President Zine Al Abidine Ben Ali said they supported the Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied territories and the Arab League committee set up to mediate in the Lebanese conflict, it added.

Mubarak invited Ben Ali to Egypt but no date has been set.

Meeting begins

CAIRO, Sept. 9. (Kuna): The first meeting of the Egyptian-Saudi joint commission started here today under the chairmanship of foreign ministers of both countries, Prince Saudi Al Faisal and Isma'il Abdul Meguid.

The two-day meetings will discuss the conclusion of several agreements to boost relations between the two countries and exchange opinions on political issues of mutual interest.

The commission will discuss construction of a bridge linking Egypt and Saudi Arabia in addition to tackling several agreements in the field of land and sea transportation.

Sub committees are expected to be formed by the joint commission to discuss economic, technical, scientific, cultural, man power, transportation, communications and investment co-operation.

Attas in Amman

AMMAN, Sept. 9. (Reuters): South Yemeni President Haidar Abu Baker Al Attas arrived in Amman today saying he hoped his first official visit to Jordan would lead to stronger ties.

King Hussein, cabinet ministers and senior palace officials welcomed Attas, who said:

"We are full of confidence that our visit and discussions with King Hussein will be successful and will serve the interests of the two peoples."

"We hope the visit will be the beginning of more contacts and cooperation between the two peoples on all levels."

Marxist-led South Yemen has welcomed the formation of the Arab Cooperation Council (ACC) by its neighbour North Yemen and Jordan, Egypt and Iraq. It has expressed interest in becoming the fifth member.

Syrian visit

AMMAN, Sept. 9. (Kuna): Syrian Transport Minister Yousef Ahmed today arrived here leading an official delegation for a three-day visit to Jordan for talks with its counterpart Hekmat Al Khishash of the US embassy on Wednesday, the State Department said.

During the course of his stay, the Syrian minister will attend meetings of the general assembly for the Jordan-Syrian land transportation and navigation companies.

Elections begin

BAGHDAD, Sept. 9. (Kuna): Elections for the legislative assembly in the autonomous Kurdish province starts today, and includes the three Iraqi governors of Arbil, Dahuk, and Sulaiman.

Informational and press delegations that presented world's mass media have arrived to cover the elections.

Bombs explode

NICOSIA, Sept. 9. (Reuters): Two bombs exploded on the breakaway Turkish side of the divided Cypriot capital early today. Turkish-Cypriot sources said.

The sources said the bombs went off within minutes of each other near a lorry and a car showroom causing extensive damage but no casualties.

No one has so far claimed responsibility. Police are investigating but a political motive appears unlikely, the sources added.

Arabs mark 21-month uprising with strike

220 intifada leaders detained

KALANDIA, West Bank, Sept. 9. (Agencies): Palestinians said Israeli troops shot and wounded nine demonstrators today as Arabs in the West Bank and Gaza Strip marked 21 months of their revolt against Israeli rule with strikes and protests.

In Arab East Jerusalem off-duty police dog handler Ruven Perlmutter was injured by an Arab petrol-bomb attack as he drove past the Beit Hanina neighbourhood.

"He is in the intensive care unit for treatment to burns and lung

damage from the smoke," a medical worker at Jerusalem's Hadassah hospital told Reuters.

An Arab in Ketziot prison camp stabbed a cellmate for allegedly helping authorities. Security sources said guards rescued the unidentified Arab and sent him to an Israeli hospital.

Israel's co-ordinator for the occupied areas, Shmuel Goren, told Israel Radio he could not give full protection to the "hundreds of thousands" of Palestinians aiding the authorities.

Residents of the occupied territories, with a population of about 1.7 million, said a strike called by the revolt's underground leadership was widely observed, with shops shuttered and public transport halted.

Stone-throwing Arab youths clashed with troops throughout the territories and Palestinian sources reported soldiers shot and wounded at least nine protesters.

Meanwhile, an army spokesman said that 220 Palestinians suspected of being local uprising leaders have been arrested in the last two weeks in a series of raids on towns and villages in the occupied territories.

In the Gaza Strip, medical staff at a clinic in Khan Younis said troops firing live ammunition wounded six residents of nearby Rafah. One was critically wounded in the chest and spine and transferred to an Israeli hospital, they said.

"If he survives he will be paralysed," a doctor told Reuters.

Hospitals and witnesses reported at least five more injuries in the strip and the West Bank, including two 10-year-old boys shot with plastic-covered steel pellets in the West Bank's Nur Shams refugee camp.

An army spokeswoman said reports of casualties would not be available for several hours.

At least 633 Arabs and 41 Jews have died in the uprising against Israeli occupation of the territories captured from Jordan and Egypt in 1967. An estimated 105 of the Palestinians were alleged collaborators slain by fellow-Arabs.

Troops in the Gaza Strip clamped curfews on Gaza city's Sabra neighbourhood, the Brazil district of Rafah and the Khan Younis Palestinian refugee camp, where troops shot dead an Arab teenager yesterday, the army spokeswoman said.

Sabra residents reported seeing at least 11 Arabs blinded and taken away in army vehicles.

Military sources said the curfews were to facilitate arrests, removal of banned Palestinian flags and erasing of anti-Israel graffiti.

The army said Nablus, the West Bank's largest town, was under curfew for the eighth consecutive day as troops and security agents searched for uprising activists.

Israel radio said security forces had launched a fresh offensive against leaders of the revolt and had arrested 220 suspects in the past two weeks.

Troops barred journalists from the West Bank town of Ramallah and its southern approaches where residents contacted by telephone said the army was making large-scale arrests.

An army officer at a roadblock near Kalandia south of the town ordered a Reuter photographer to turn back but gave no reason for the closure.

Ethiopia talks move ahead

ATLANTA, Ga., Sept. 9. (Reuters): Peace negotiations from Ethiopia and its rebel foes met for the third straight day today and conference sources suggested some progress was being made to try to end Africa's longest civil war.

Both sides seem to be serious. Something should come out (of the talks)," one source told Reuters, but declined to give any details.

Another added: "at the rate at which they are going, I would imagine they should be able to wrap up things pretty soon."

But an aide to former US President Jimmy Carter, host of the talks aimed at ending a brutal 28-year war in Ethiopia's northern Eritrea province, would only say: "The two delegations are continuing their discussions."

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The report said that the Somali armed forces, in response to the SNM's attacks, have engaged in "a widespread, systematic and extremely violent assault" on the civilian population who did not appear to pose any danger to the armed forces.

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Drama, heartbreak, humour Ireland's Life Lines

HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 9. (UPI): Jill Ireland, in the fifth year of her gallant battle with cancer, plans to star in a film version of her book about a heroin-addicted son and a tragically ill father.

The producer-author-actress sold movie and TV rights of her current book, "Life Lines," to Bonny Dore Productions for a projected NBC-TV two-hour movie or four-hour mini-series.

Three years ago, when Ireland was asked to portray herself in the film version of her first best-selling book, "Life Wish," she declined. This time, however, she decided in favour of portraying herself along with co-producing "Life Lines," an account of her son Jason's addiction and her father Jack Ireland's bizarre aphasia.

While there is drama and heartbreak in "Life Lines," there is also humour and burst of Ireland's off-centre observations about herself and her family.

"There's a bit of everything in TT have been painful for Theresa to re-enact the terror of the man who attacked her with a knife. Ann and Sophia were lovely in their performances, but I don't know if they found it painful."

Ireland said she found it somewhat distracting to watch actresses playing themselves because the other people in their personal lives were played by actors.

"What's disturbing me is that it is one genuine element within a play," she explained. "But if everything were honest, then it would be a documentary. What is being done is re-enacting what happened, set in a re-created artificial setting. Maybe that is jarring."

"Until this moment I've thought I would not play myself because I would not feel comfortable

with it. Even though I ask myself why I should not play myself, I keep thinking of other actresses who might play me."

Asked whether her husband, actor Charles Bronson, might appear as himself, Ireland said, "he was opposed to the idea of such a film being made and my playing myself for many of the same reasons I had objected. He said he would never play himself on screen, and that rather closed the subject."

"I haven't yet given any thought to who I would like to see play Charlie in the film, or any of the other people in my family. But certainly I am against casting people who resemble them physically."

None of Ireland's family or friends has objected to how she perceives them in "Life Lines," including son Jason.

"Jason told me, 'if it helps to keep just one kid from suffering the pain I've gone through, then it's worth it.'

"My father might be rather amused to see himself portrayed on the screen. I don't know about my mother. Perhaps she will be flattered if we choose an attractive actress."

Ireland would like to see "Life Lines" become a mini-series to avoid cutting key elements and characters from the book.

"As an actress who is also a producer," she said, "I will have become so familiar with the script, it's possible I will be able to view the project objectively as a piece of drama. I will be using a lot of what I really felt when I performed."

Despite her breast cancer, Ireland is writing a third book, "Lifetime," completing her autobiographical trilogy. She is also working on an almost completed novel, her first.



Jill Ireland: own story

Charles shows the way

Prince versus architects

LONDON, Sept. 9. (AP): Prince Charles has charged to the front again in his crusade for better buildings.

He said he hopes a new town he is having built on his estates will demonstrate his concern for a better environment that will enrich the quality of life.

"I am not mad enough to try to create my ideal town — there is no such thing. I am trying to show that man cannot live by technology alone," the prince on Thursday told a launch party for his new book on his view of architecture, "A Vision of Britain."

The prince has opened up a long-running debate on modern buildings with his five years of campaigning against some of them. He has called some modern buildings "Frankenstein monsters," unloved by anyone except those who designed them.

When the old town of Dorchester in southwest England asked for some of the adjoining land on his Duchy of Cornwall estates for an expansion to house 8,000 to 10,000 people, the prince decided not to sell but to oversee the building himself.

"We should see something going up there within a

year," said Leon Krier, the prince's favourite architectural adviser, who designed the new town called Poundbury.

"The town will have homes up to four stories and some apartment blocks, side-by-side with clean and silent high-technology industries, and all the services needed by its residents within 10 minutes' walk," Krier said in an interview.

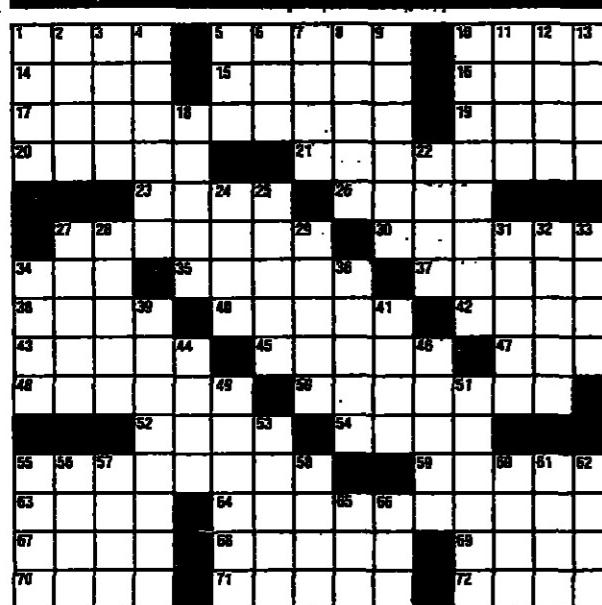
Krier, who agrees with the prince's conviction that buildings should be on a human scale and in harmony with their surroundings, was among 600 guests at the launch party in the Victoria and Albert museum.

The museum is staging an exhibition around the book, showing what the heir to the throne likes and dislikes.

His hates range from office blocks towering over Sir Christopher Wren's renaissance cathedral of St Paul's on the London skyline to wayside gas stations, factories, department stores and high-rise apartments on windswept plains.

He tends to like tradition — classical-style buildings with porticos, columns and decorations, and housing in turn-of-the-century styles.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1 Piccadilly Circus
- 5 sight
- 10 Ump's cry
- 14 Berg opera
- 15 Stiller's partner
- 16 Home of the Tafts
- 17 Orwellian relative
- 19 Scandinavian goddess of fate
- 20 Maternally related
- 21 ANTA and UNESCO, e.g.
- 23 Ella
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- 27 Top quality
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- 45 Huxley's — Hay"
- 47 But — on forever
- Tennyson
- 48 Draw forth
- 50 Transportation organization
- 52 Zhivago's love
- 54 Adolescent
- 55 Clinging
- 59 Forest trembler
- 63 "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes" author
- 64 New Year's Eve relative
- 67 Lady Chaplin

DOWN

- 68 White sale offering
- 69 Yales
- 70 Stuffy
- 71 Large antelope
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- 77 Abstruse
- 78 Latin class word
- 79 Collection
- 80 Cheerful sound
- 81 Upright
- 82 Tightfisted
- 83 Nautical cry
- 84 Solid
- 85 Long, long periods
- 86 Cleans a pipe
- 87 Greek coin
- 88 Isinglass
- 89 Anatomical sac
- 90 Word of honor
- 91 Part of a foot
- 92 Jolson relative
- 93 Way in
- 94 Polyester
- 95 Crooked
- 96 Solid
- 97 Layer
- 98 Wheel position

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
USE YOUR HIGH CARDS WISELY

Neither vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH

♦ A 10 8 3
♥ 5 3
♦ A 2
♣ 7 5 2

EAST

♦ 9 6
♥ Q 2
♦ Q J 10 9 4
♣ Q 10 8 4

SOUTH

♦ K Q
♥ A 10 7 4
♦ K 7 5
♣ A K 6 3

WEST

♦ 9 6
♥ Q 2
♦ Q J 10 9 4
♣ Q 10 8 4

THE bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

no trump.

West's lead of the queen of diamonds attacked dummy's entry, so declarer could not afford to hold up on the first round. After winning the king, declarer cashed the king and queen of spades and crossed to the ace of diamonds to cash the ace of spades. When the jack failed to come down, declarer had to be satisfied with eight tricks.

This result was highly satisfactory to East-West. Although North-South were in their best spot (four spades rated to fail), declarer had not found the winning line. Indeed, the contract was unbeatable once West had followed to the second spade with the nine.

Now there was only one spade missing that was higher than dummy's 10 8—the jack. Therefore, declarer could have afforded to overtake the queen of spades with the ace to continue with the ten, forcing East to win with the jack.

East's diamond continuation goes to dummy's ace, but the eight of spades draws the last outstanding spade and dummy's long spade becomes the fulfilling trick. Declarer collects four spades, a heart and two tricks in each minor suit.

Opening lead: Queen of ♦

The natural tendency is to conserve one's assets. Once in a while, however, you have to spend a little to gain rich dividends at some future time.

South's jump to two no trump showed a balanced 19-20 points. Since North had a balanced hand, there was little point in looking for any game contract other than three

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YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You will tend to be a little absent-minded and must try to pull yourself together. Do not try to be too great a hurry, but do not just sit back either. Be frugal.

Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

The best way to get on just now is to make haste but to check your facts and for mistakes as you go along. Do not take any decisions that require a clear judgment when you feel a little tired. Make sure you get enough vitamins in your diet.

Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You should not rely on guess-work. Something you had hoped for will begin to happen but it will take longer than you had expected. Do not hesitate to remind others of their obligations. Be considerate.

Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

Do not try to do anything too much out of the ordinary. Use a little more common sense and stick to reality; no daydreaming. Have a good laugh at yourself. Be sincere.

Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)

You will feel at the top of your form but you must try to conserve your energies. Better a little exercise regularly than a lot intermittently. Do not rely too greatly on others to do you a favour. Be loyal.

Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)

You will feel a little nervous and unsure of yourself. Just do not do anything out of the ordinary or too adventurous just now and all will be well enough. Try to show just a little more goodwill. Be respectful.

Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

You should take an opportunity to clear up a muddle. You will be able to do something very much to your liking. If you think the worst of others they are likely to return the compliment. Be less resentful.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

You should not try to have everything exactly your own way. And you should do your best to come to terms with someone close to you. Your lucky numbers are 8 and 46. A domestic repair should not be undertaken by yourself unless you know just how to do it.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

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Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

Do all you can to stay on good terms with your elders. You will find out what you have been doing wrong when handing a new device. There will be much to be pleased about. Be patient.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)

You will have what seems like a good idea but it will turn out not to be practicable. Make sure you spend some time tidying up. Do not have a late night, on the contrary. Be alert.



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HE NEVER SAYS NO, Get anythin', but spouse

NEW YORK, Sept. 9. (Reuter): For a half-million dollars, travel agent Bill Fischer will get you anything you want for a honeymoon, except a spouse.

His \$25,000 "budget" honeymoon includes Venice and the French Riviera.

Fischer is a travel agent with an unlisted phone number. His customers are the rich, and sometimes the famous. In order to be accepted as clients, some even send resumes.

Fischer specializes in luxury corporate travel for his chosen few. "Top of the line clients," he says.

"We may only have 15 or 30 people travelling any week. But they are chief executive officers, presidents, vice-chairmen. They need special services," Fischer, 53, said in an interview in his well-appointed, 25th storey corner office in the centre of New York.

And although he boasts of never taking no for an answer on a traveller's behalf, he admits that some customers just can't be satisfied.

"Bill's great," says an assistant to Sanford Weil, the chairman of Primera Corp. Weil signed on a Fischer traveller while he was head of American Express — a company not exactly lacking in travel resources of its own.

"If you're making a \$50 billion deal, \$20,000 is small change," Fischer says, referring to the cost of commuting from New York to London on the supersonic Concord three times a week.

When the very rich relax, they want even more than speed and comfort.

That's when Fischer Travel Enterprises gets assignments that can plunge Fischer and his 10 staff into months of planning and persistent, twice-daily wooing of hotel reservation clerks.

The half-million dollar honeymoons — whom he calls a perfect couple, the kind of bride and groom you see on top of the

wedding cake" took a three-week honeymoon to London, Paris, Nice and Monte Carlo, and aboard the Sea Goddess luxury cruise ship, to ports in Italy, France and Spain.

Fischer spent more than three months planning the honeymoon, which included royal suites at some of Europe's finest hotels, a chauffeur, Rolls Royce, private jets and helicopters, tennis lessons with a professional at Wimbledon (for him), a

France pushes for rapid move towards common EEC currency

ANTIBES, France, Sept 9. (Reuters): France stepped up pressure today for a swift move towards a common European Economic Community currency but ran into strong opposition from several of its partners led by Britain.

French Finance Minister Pierre Berezovoy, chairing a meeting of EEC ministers and their central bank governors on the Cote D'Azur, appeared determined to press ahead rapidly with work on treaty changes to pave the way for a single currency.

But monetary officials said Britain, West Germany, the Netherlands, Luxembourg and Denmark were far less enthusiastic about sweeping plans for economic and monetary union. They insisted

that co-operation within the 12-nation group had to be increased first.

British Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson outlined alternative proposals to a single currency. He told other ministers London wanted all EEC currencies to be made legal tender throughout the community.

The two-day meeting in a secluded beach-side hotel began last evening with informal talks. It turned today to detailed negotiations on the controversial blueprint by European Commission president Jacques Delors setting out three stages on the road to monetary union.

Two discussion papers drawn up by the European Commission on how to increase co-operation at finance minister and cen-

tral bank level — necessary for the launch of phase one of the Delors plan already agreed for next July — were described by officials as relatively uncontroversial.

But a third paper discussing what sort of EEC treaty changes would be needed for a federal system of central banks and a common currency — the main features of phases two and three — drew a far more hostile response, particularly from Britain and West Germany, officials said.

Lawson has argued that the sweeping proposals in later stages of the Delors plan represent an unacceptable loss of sovereignty. He advocated instead a market-based approach to later stages of monetary union rather than one centrally-imposed from Brussels.

Officials said West German Finance Minister Theo Waigel, in what appeared to be a move to play for time, told the meeting far more work needed to be done before Bonn could think about a conference on changes to the EEC's constitution, the Treaty of Rome.

But Berezovoy, one of the strongest backers of monetary union, wanted to secure quick agreement on a conference date.

A committee of EEC finance and foreign ministry officials set up to discuss monetary union has already run into opposition from Britain and the Netherlands which argue it is taking its powers too far.

US to seek advanced computing technology

WASHINGTON, Sept 9. (AP): The administration of US President George Bush says it is set to call for a five-year, \$1.9-billion programme to promote advanced computing technology, including the creation of a very high-speed network linking the nation's supercomputers.

Mary Catherine English, spokeswoman for the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, said yesterday that a report detailing the computer strategy will be released officially Monday.

According to a final draft of the report obtained by the Associated Press, high-performance computing "represents the leading edge of a multi-billion dollar world market in which the United States is increasingly being challenged."

"A strong, fully competitive domestic high-performance computer industry contributes to US leadership in critical national security areas and in broad sectors of the civilian economy," the document said.

The programme envisages establishment of a National Research and Education Network, or NREN, which would transmit data between supercomputers at speeds up to 3 gigabits — 3 billion bits — per second, or 2,000 times faster than current computer networks.

"This tremendous challenge is within the grasp of the United States in the next 10 years," the draft report said.

In addition to linking supercomputers, it said, the new network also would tie together other computers at approximately 1,000 sites across the country.

It added that "wherever information is used, from manufacturing to high-definition home video entertainment, and most particularly in education, the country will benefit enormously from deployment of this technology."

Tokyo share prices

Nikkei stock average: 34115.81	Mitsubishi Estate	2360
Volume: 300 mill s	Mitsubishi Heavy Ind	1110
Yen exchange rate: 146.62	Mitsui Real Estate	2550
Name of stock	Mizuno Corporation	1850
Advantest Corporation	Mochida Pharmaceutical	3860
Ajinomoto	Mori Seiki Co. Ltd	4230
Alps Electric	NEC Corporation	1770
Amada	Nikon Corporation	1430
Asahi Chemical Indus	Nippon Shimpan	1770
Asahi Glass	Nippon Steel Corp	767
C. Itoh Co	Nippondenso Co. Ltd	2410
Canon Inc	Nitsuko Corporation	1450
Casio Computer	Nomura Securities	3080
Dai Nippon Printing	Okuma Machinery Work	1720
Daishi Seiyaku	Onward Kashiyama Co	2220
Dainippon Pharmaceut	Orix Corporation	6900
Daishaku Corp	Pioneer Electronic C	4260
Eisai	Renown Look Inc	2420
Fanuc Ltd	Sonyo Electric Co	841
Fuji Photo Film Co	Seicom Co. Ltd	7660
Fuji Ltd	Shin-Etsu Chemical C	1770
Hitsachi Credit	Shindengen Electric	1230
Hitsachi Koki	Sony Corporation	8450
Hitsachi Ltd	Suntome Elec. Ind	1510
Hitsachi Metal	Suntome Metal Ind	755
Honda Motor	Takeda Chemical Ind	2510
Ito-Yokado Co. Ltd	TDK Corporation	5590
Kajima Corporation	Tohoku Marine Fire	2000
Kawasaki Heavy Ind	Tokyo Elec. Power	5770
Kobe Cast Iron Works	Tokyo Electron Ltd	3350
Kokusai Elec	Toppan Printing	2020
Komatsu Ltd	Toray Industries Inc	379
Kyocera Corporation	Tozai Corporation	1220
Mari	Toyota Motor Corp	2530
Matsushita Comm. Ind	Yaskawa Electric Mfg	1170
Matsushita Electric	Provided by Nomura Investment Bank	
Mazda Motor Corp	king (Mideast), Bahrain	

Bombay shares

BOMBAY Stock Exchange — Closing prices (Rs) as on: Sept 9, 1989.	Indian Organic	44
ACC	Indrayon	82.50
Asia Paint	Indro	256.25
Brooke Bond	J.K. Synthetics	78.50
Bajaj Auto	Larsen and Toubro	100
Baroda Rayon	Mukand	131
Bombay Dyeing	Master Shr	15.75
Century Spinning	Mahindra	91.50
Colgate	MICO	627.50
BSE Index	Nocil	1060
Deepak Fert	Orkay	15
E.I. Hotel	Premier Auto	61.25
Eskayef	Peico	23
Essar	Pfizer	70
GNFC	Reliance	101
GSFCC	Spic	49
Grasim	Siemens	73
G.E. Ship	Std Mills	410
Garware Polyester	Tata Power	340
Glindia	Tata Chemicals	126
Hindoco	Tisco	1193
Hind Lever	Telco	1020
Hindalco	Volta	850
Hindmotor	Nat index	385.79
I.T.C.	(Compiled by Kuwait India International Exchange Co.)	

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUWAIKH PORT AS ON 09/09/1989			
B.No.	Ship Name	Agent	Tel. No.
8	Sham	ISA	2441860
21	Al Shuwaikh	Livestock	2434177
F.D.	Jifra	KSA	4843150
SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUWAIKH PORT			
ETA	Ship Name	Agent	Tel. No.
9/9	Alkhaleej	Livestock	2434177
9/9	Batter Sea	GH&Q	4347815
9/9	Jolly Turchese	YAA'S	4745533
9/9	Maersk Fiero	Behbehani	2412085
10/9	Norasia Arabia	Emad Co.	4841807
10/9	Vasily Belokonko	Al Rashed	2422026
10/9	Pacific Breeze	GH&Q	4347815
SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUAIBA PORT			
B.No.	Ship Name	Agent	Tel. No.
2	Liao Yang	M.A. Bahar	2433881
6	Sunset	RSMS	2423642
7	Jay Gayatri	Algh Barwil	4842988
VSL AT ANCHORAGE			
Ship name	Agent	Tel No.	
Budapest	RSMS	2423642	
SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUAIBA PORT			
ETA	Ship Name	Agent	Tel. No.
9/9	Golden Sea	RSMS	2423642
8/9	Marjon	AI Kamal	2425437
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Economy is growing

Fed may not ease monetary policy

THERE was considerable central bank intervention this week to cap the dollar's rise but this was only partially successful.

At one point the US unit finished at its highest level for three months against both the deutschmark and the yen at DM1.9910 and Y147.05. This dollar surge was based on the view that the Federal Reserve is unlikely to ease monetary policy any further for the time being, according to NBK weekly market report.

Treasury bonds remained within a tight trading range dominated by an overall lack of direction whilst the Dow Jones declined sharply following nine weeks of increasing prices as the expected correction commenced.

The dollar ended the week at DM1.9805 and Y146.45.

The strength of the dollar appears to reflect a reassessment of the country's economic prospects which in turn supports the view that monetary policy will remain firm as the economy enters a period of solid growth.

The four Philippines projects under active study are development of an industrial park south of Manila, development of a copper refining industry, a project to grow and export papayas to Japan and training of computer software engineers in Japanese.

They are among 51 projects proposed to Jaido in countries stretching from Southeast Asia to Latin America and Africa, others of which may be considered later, the delegation said.

Others include development of petrochemical export industries in Mexico, Nigeria, Indonesia and Malaysia, a container transportation system suitable for waterway barges and silk industry expansion in Thailand, hotels in Mexico and Laos, computer

rates this week.

There are a number of important economic indicators due for release next week and these are expected to support the view that the economy is growing.

The dollar is anticipated to continue on its upward trend next week with trading ranges of \$DM3.06-3.075 and £/Yen 146-148.5.

The pound has tended to mirror the movement of the dollar this week with very little fresh economic data to influence trading.

The underlying fall in official reserves indicated the Bank of England gave moderate support to sterling last month but the news had virtually no effect on the dollar.

Equities rebounded as confidence improved and fears of a surge of rights issues subsided.

The pound ended the week at DM3.0630 and £/Yen 147.5.

The fall in new consumer credit added to evidence that the government's high interest rate policy is proving effective in curbing consumer demand whilst the sharp drop in retail sales provided confirmation of a continuing economic slowdown.

The CBI report published this week also supported this view but pointed out that the upward movement is wholesale prices still gave cause for concern.

There are some important data releases next week including

unemployment, average earnings, PPI and RPI numbers which should provide further evidence of inflationary trends and the extent of economic slowdown.

Sterling is expected to remain steady and continue trading within a narrow range of £/DM3.06-3.075 and £/Yen 146-148.5.

Despite considerable speculation earlier in the week, it came as no great surprise when the Bundesbank finally decided not to raise its discount and Lombard interest rates from 5 per cent and 7 per cent respectively although an increase beyond the year end should still not be ruled out if inflation increases. The market's disappointment was reflected in the softer tone adopted by the deutschmark.

In contrast to other countries the German economy is showing no signs of slowdown as evidenced by buoyant GDP growth of 4.9 per cent in the second quarter of 1989. This unexpectedly large increase in exports and industrial investment as by accelerating income from foreign investments.

Separately the cost of living index fell 0.1 per cent in August taking year-on-year inflation down from 3 per cent to 2.9 per cent and unemployment dropped 7.5 per cent in August from 7.7 per cent in July.

Bond prices firm

Stocks snap losing streak

NEW YORK, Sept 9. (Reuters): Wall Street stocks snapped a three-day losing streak yesterday after firm US bond prices and computer-directed buying lifted sagging shares to a higher close.

However, the small advance was unable to offset the market's earlier losses and the Dow Jones industrial average ended the week lower, interrupting a nine-week advance.

The 30-share Dow index, which was down 22 points at one stage yesterday, recovered to finish up 2.66 points at 2,709.54. For the week it dropped 42.55 points.

Dih chairman Franz Schosser estimated the "potential" West German contribution to the projects — from electronics manufacturers to

EVENTS

The voice of the 90's

Move aside Madonna!

MELODIOUS Filipino voices permeated the air at the Al Fintas Poolside, Meridien Hotel, last September 1, 1989, as 20 contestants sang their respective songs pieces to compete for the much-coveted title "Voice of the 90's".

Flassik President Grace Fe Covarrubias delivered her welcome address and expressed gratitude to the audience, on behalf of the Flassik officers and members, for their much-appreciated participation.

A young lady who promised lots of blooming talent, Maryam Espedilla, Miss Talent, Flassik '89 Little Ambassadors of Goodwill Pageant, enchanted the audience with her rendition of the song "One Moment in Time."

The guest speaker was Father Angelo Madelo, the dashing Filipino priest of the Roman Catholic Church, who was introduced by Flassik Director Araceli Cayaba. He said, "this singing contest is a sort of expression of Filipino identity for unity among us who are across the miles from home."

The 20 contestants were divided into 3 groups, and intermission was provided after each group.

A group of talented Filipino dancers from Al Adam Hospital professed their love for music with the sensuous rhythm of their body and feet. The dance sequence was choreographed by the gregarious and talented Peter Cruz.

Kabayani Restaurant singers, Yolice Rapada and Estella Mongas, confirmed to the audience their ability to draw crowd with their fabulous voices.

Move aside, Madonna, here comes Pamela Rojol. With the titles of Flassik '89 Miss Little Ambassador of Goodwill and Kapilkul's Miss Little Philippines under her belt, Pamela bewitched the audience with her Madonna-like dance sequence.

Maternity Hostel Flassik dancers, Pat Lupas and Lam Hadap, charmed everyone with their display of refinement and grace in dancing.

Reina Marin, wife of the Philippine Embassy Labour Attaché, and a member of the Board of

Judges, mesmerised the audience with her sultry voice.

The Board of Judges was composed of distinguished personalities in the sphere of music — Miss Hilda Navarro, Chairman, Reina Marin, Freddie Fernando, Dr. Warfe Engracia, Sultan Ali Al Ali and Grace de la Fuente.

Five winners were chosen from among the 20 contestants. The Voice of the 90's was Vicente San Buenaventura; 1st runner-up was Fely Gaudia; 2nd runner-up was Cynthia Bou Rabee; 3rd runner-up was Midel Cruz and 4th runner-up was Miller Domingo. Trophies and valuable prizes were awarded to the winners.

The Flassik Board conveys its thanks to the following sponsors: Adham Khalil Hassan of Far East Restaurant, Raunzi Jabsheh of Oriental Trading and Refrigeration Co., Rory Aurelano of Kabayan Restaurant, Florence de los Santos of Mahayni Restaurant, Atty. Mohammad Ziad Al Awadi, Yohusef Al Khandary of Al Nazeer Trdg. Co., Connie Uy, Fahed Al Ajmi, Zafer Falayer of Kuwait Stationers Co., Mustafa Abu Nabbut of Al Otabi & Abu Nabbut Co., Farouk Butt of Shop No. 172 Souq Al Kabir, Essam Haemoumri of Fadel Electronics Est., Fuad Al Mumajid of Al Allah Co., Marissa Laygo, Camela Turner, Mohammad Nawaz of Golden Star Est., Faiz Azzubaidi of Modern Music Co., Hanif Ligaya Abughosn Int'l, and all Flassik friends and supporters. A special package prize of an air ticket, Kuwait-Dubai-Kuwait, plus free hotel accommodation for 7 days, was awarded to the 1st prize winner, Vicente San Buenaventura, by Don Jayanthi Kanangara of IFC International. Special thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Mayapag for their generosity.

Watch for the next Flassik project that combines fun and altruistic endeavours. It is entitled "Rock & Roll, beat of the 60's" and promises a delightful evening for everyone who wishes to welcome autumn in Kuwait.

Reina Marin, wife of the Philippine Embassy Labour Attaché, and a member of the Board of



Sea Hunt

KTV 1

- 9.00 The Opening and Holy Quran
- 9.15 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety
- 9.30 Cartoons
- 10.00 Magazine D'Actualite
- 10.15 Mawlood Fi Al Wazl Af. Dhayeh: Arabic Serial (Part 2)
- 11.00 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety
- 11.15 Al Dana: Local Serial (Part 6)
- 12.05 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety
- 12.15 That's Incredible: Foreign Variety Programme
- 1.00 News Summary
- 1.05 The World Today via Satellite
- 1.30 Al Shanaek: Cartoon serial
- 2.00 Variety
- 2.15 Awdat Owaisa: Daily Arabic Serial (Part 1)
- 3.15 Innaho Al Haq: Religious Programme (Part 13)
- 3.25 Al Teneen Al Sagheer: Cartoon Serial
- 4.00 Cartoons
- 4.30 Al Thoban: Arabic Feature Film
- 7.00 Space Invasion: Cultural Programme
- 7.45 The Agricultural Magazine: Local Programme
- 8.15 Diwaniyah Shuara Al Nabat: Local Programme
- 9.00 Arabic News
- 9.45 Waheedah Wa Sameh: Daily Arabic Serial (Part 4)
- 10.30 Variety Late Night Programme Prepared and Presented by Rasha Majdi
- 11.45 News Summary
- 11.50 The World Today via Satellite
- 12.15 Holy Quran and Closedown

KTV 2

- 6.00 Opening announcement
- 6.10 Care Bears: A cartoon series for children
- 6.30 Sea Hunt: 'The Phantom Strikes'. A gang plans to drive Dr Mike out of the area around Margate island.
- 7.00 Path Of The Rain God: 'The Maya Mountains'. Set in the tiny Central American country of Belize. It follows the cycle of water from top to coral reef through a landscape of bewildering diversity and richness of plant and animal life.
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.30 Flying Doctors: 'Every Day a Gift'. Noel lives along with his daughter on his heavily indebted farm. Another widower, William lives with his daughter who is interested to marry him to Maurn.
- 9.30 Supercense: 'Seeing Sense'. The relation between sight sense and the brain. The ability to distinguish between colours and colour blindness.
- 10.00 Kate and Allie: A teacher writes a novel about a secret love between a professor and one of his girl students. Each of Kate and Allie believes that she is the girl meant in that novel.
- 10.30 Bestseller: 'The Freemantle Conspiracy Part 1.'
- 12.00 News in Brief
- 12.15 Magazine D'Actualite



The Melody Night '89 Concert: On Friday, the Melody Night was held in the Sharq Co-operative Society Hall. It featured singers such as Judy, Sabina, Edward, Abu Baker and Karim. The concert was sponsored by the Golden Corner Restaurant. Above, Karim does his piece in front of a happy audience

Year-end galas

IT HAS been nine months since the commencement of the 1989 Filipino Ladies Association in Kuwait. The early days of the organisation was besieged with doubts and uncertainties. There was a hubbub in the horizon as to how it could fare in the future. But the newly-formed Flassik '89 executive board was fully armed with sincerity, dedication, and determination to pave the way for this organisation towards the fulfilment of its commitment to the Filipino community in Kuwait. Since then, it has always been a matter of giving care and service to all, especially to the less fortunate fellow countrymen.

Fund-raising projects have been organised, and the proceeds were channelled towards the upliftment of the welfare of less endowed fellow countrymen. A Welfare Referral Programme has been formed, with committees assigned to the different governorates in Kuwait. Frequent hospital and jail visits are on-going duties of the organisation. The welfare projects are the priority endeavours of Flassik '89.

But whatever merit Flassik '89 has garnered, it was all due to the generous help and support of its members, friends, sponsors and the whole Filipino community.

The existence of the organisation depends a lot upon the sublime deeds and thoughts of its supporters towards brotherhood. Let it be said that the Flassik '89 is an instrument of the love of the Filipino community for each other.

Flassik President Grace Fe Covarrubias announced that Flassik '89 is launching its project for the rest of the year. On September 30, there will be a dance extravaganza entitled, "Rock 'n' Roll, Beat of the 60's". On October 31, a Halloween Party will be held. November heralds the holding of a food festival, in co-operation with Ramzi Jabsheh of Oriental Trading and Refrigeration Co. And for December, there will be a concert entitled, "Pasko Sa Nayon", featuring the Filinovo Choir under the baton of Hilda Navarro. And as an expression of gratitude by the organisation, Flassik '89 will hold a Christmas party for the Filipino community in Kuwait.

Yes, indeed, the Flassik '89 seed that was planted last January has sprouted leaves and branches, reaching out to everyone — and still keeps on sprouting!

NIGHT CHEMIST

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Well done

Zeehan Ali Siddiqui scored 384 marks HSC Part I. He ranked second position in the Boys Pre-Engineering Group.

Zeehan goes to the Pakistani School and College - Ru'mihiya.

CINEMA TODAY

- Al Andalus One Man Force
- Al Salimiya Hal Booked
- Al Haifa Wild Force
- Drive-in Arabic film
- Al Firdous Dil Aar Deewar Fahsheel-Open Main Tera Dushman Fahsheel Stake Out
- Al Jabra Biwi-o-Biwi Grameda Meri Zabana
- Safaihkh Jungle Assault
- Jaleeb Mukti
- Ahmadi Drive-In Shaolin Magnificent

PRAYERS

Fajr	4.10 am
Zahr	11.45
Asr	3.16 pm
Maghreb	5.59
Isha	7.18

HOTELS

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AT THE COFFEE SHOP: A variety of Continental and Oriental cuisine to suit everyone's taste for lunch or dinner at KD\$0.00 per Pax and half price for children.

This singing contest is organised by Kapilkul and the main objective is to enhance Filipino talents in the art of singing.

The top three winners in each category will receive valuable prizes from the sponsors and automatically qualify for the grand final on October 20.

The following contestants should submit their minus one (not multiplex) to Sara Macarimbang, Vice-President for Social and Cultural Affairs at 4843447. Deadline for registration will be on September 15.

Spoken Arabic The Public Authority for Applied Education and Training is starting to offer spoken Arabic classes for non-native speakers. The programme, starting in October 89, is for beginners and having intermediate knowledge in colloquial conversation. The registration will start on 16th September, 1989. Those who are interested please contact on telephone Nos. 2413050 Ext. 243, 269; 2455860 Ext 454, 455, 457; 2411383.

Colva Nite OCT 19: Annual Colva Nite at New Ballroom of Ramada Al Salem Hotel. Top Rank in attendance. For details contact Tel. 2413884/2434776/56291-41/4310913 after 5 pm.

British Council Defence of the Realm Saturday, 16 September and Sunday, 17 September at 6.30 pm. 92 min.

What are they prepared to cover up in "Defence of the Realm"? When a respected journalist dies in mysterious circumstances after meeting a government "mole," his fellow reporter is determined to find out why. But each lead only raises more questions! A superb British thriller.

Onam Celebration The special meeting of OIC Executive Committee was held at Indian Embassy Hall on 31 Aug 1989 and decided to celebrate "The Onam" — The National Festival of Kerala — at the new Royal Restaurant on 14 Sept 1989 at 7pm, with "Ona Sadya" — the traditional feast

— which includes 21 delicious vegetarian dishes on plantain leaves.

A seven member committee was formed under OICC President Sashidharan as General Convener and Nalina Kumar, Rajan Daniel, Ali Alavi, Anil Kumar, Gangadharan, Vijaya Kumar as members to organise this function.

For further information, please contact Tel. 4314183 and 3629747 and 3988569.

Filcheck chess OCT 26: Tivim Centre's — Breeze '89 is going to hit the floors of Ramada Al Salem hotel New Ballroom at a social evening organised in commemoration of village festival. Top Rank and Stepping Stones — which provide scintillating music, lots of surprises await. For further information pls contact the organisers Casimiro or Mario on Tel. No. 2441860/67 after 3.30 pm.

Attractive prizes await the lucky winners. Entry forms are available at Kabayan Restaurant. Deadline for submission of entries Sept 15. For more details contact Edward Ricaza (2421868, 2402405), Chito (2443961), or Jun (2409630).

British Council THE British Council presents "Briefing on Britain" a special video presentation for students, who are going to

Rehearsals and auditions for

EVERY SUNDAY COWBOY NIGHT: Taste the Texas fair at the La Brasserie. No compromise with this salute to the US includes live foot tapping country and Western music plus decor costumes and ambience with more than a touch of the real wild west.

EVERY WEDNESDAY THE INDONESIAN COUNTRY: Enjoy some of the country's best loved dishes at the La Brasserie in addition to the regular Brasserie buffet.

EVERY THURSDAY: Tuck in the tempo ... experience an evening of the great jazz sound in jam sessions at the La Brasserie featuring delicious sea food buffet with that catch out the day freshness plus a range of local and international dishes.

Friday equals family fun only at La Brasserie ... lavish buffet ... live entertainment, toys and gifts for the children and even some real magic.

KIWI LOVERS: A down under delicacy the Kiwi will be featured at Al Fingal from Oct 8 to the 19th in tempting variety of ways from juices to delicious fruits and desserts.

At the Kuwait International LA PALMA: Presents a cultural trip around the world featuring authentic Chinese, Indian, Mexican, African, Italian, British, German/Australian, Turkish and Arabic dishes. Theme nights on Saturdays and Tuesdays. Ext 8166.

Falakat: Rooftop restaurant overlooking Kuwait's picturesque coastline. Offers international cuisine and elegant surroundings. Live entertainment during dinner. Closed on Friday, Ext. 8012.

Garden Pool: Relax and enjoy our poolside barbecue event every Friday afternoon.

La Patisserie: Offers an extensive selection of pastries, oven fresh bread, savouries, exotic juices and ice creams. Also serves Continental breakfast. Pianist in the evenings.

SPORTS

SWIMMING CLASSES: A.S.A. swimming classes for children/adults, beginners/intermediate.

THAI CORNER: Enjoy genuine Thai cuisine at the La Brasserie. The Thai corner features a variety of great authentic dishes in addition to the restaurant's regular lavish buffet.

WINDSURFING CLASS: Messilah Beach Hotel is

organising a Windsurfing Classic on October 6, 1989. Open to all men and women sailors in Kuwait. Closing date for entries is 1.10.89. For more details contact Ken Balman on 3624111 ext. 739/751.

Kuwait International

Fit for Life: September brings a variety of sportsclasses and activities at the Kuwait International Hotel. Tennis coaching from October. Classes for ladies, juniors and seniors by Frank Novak — an experienced Canadian coach and tennis player. Enrollment on-going. Also fun tennis sessions for the family. Swimming classes from 17th September. Limited space available. Ballet classes will begin from 18th September. Coaching by Russian trained teacher. Enrollment on-going. Other classes are: Ladies' Keep Fit Classes, Men's Keep Fit Classes, Yoga, Judo, Karate and Taekwondo.

EVERY THURSDAY: Tuck in the tempo ... experience an evening of the great jazz sound in jam sessions at the La Brasserie featuring delicious sea food buffet with that catch out the day freshness plus a range of local and international dishes.

Friday equals family fun only at La Brasserie ... lavish buffet ... live entertainment, toys and gifts for the children and even some real magic.

KIWI LOVERS: A down under delicacy the Kiwi will be featured at Al Fingal from Oct 8 to the 19th in tempting variety of ways from juices to delicious fruits and desserts.

Holiday Inn Health Club and Recreation Centre: Swimming lessons available all year round with qualified swimming instructors. Open to non-members. Mon-Tues-Weds: 3.30 - 5.30 - beginners, improvers; adults; mixed keep fit classes. Wed 5-6, Thurs 6-7, Fri 12-1, 1-2, Sat 5-6; Ladies keep fit, Mon 5-6, Tues 5-6, Fri 5-6 and Sun 5.30 - 6.30; Martial arts w/black belt instructor. Mon-Wed 6-ton: Taekwondo Sat

Terrorized girl flees: A Thai International School student and daughter of an airline executive recently fled the country after at least two masked men threatened her harm, the Makati police said.

Mapaschool Madisara, 19, student of the IS in Makati and daughter of Ruangyuth Madisara, Thai Airways station engineer, was harassed and threatened twice by the men on a black motorcycle who were trying to get information on her classmate identified only as Jama, Pfc. Socrates Fernandez said.

Last month the men inquired in Mapaschool's house on Taurus St., Bel Air Subd., Makati about her whereabouts. A maid of the Madisaras did not give them any information.

Days later, Mapaschool was parking her car in front of a store in Makati when the men, who apparently tailed her from at 4 pm class, demanded that she tell them about where Jama was and threatened her.

Scared and trembling, Mapaschool could not speak. She drove away.

3 charged for man! The acting clerk of court, a deputy sheriff and an aide of the Angeles City Regional Trial Court (RTC) were charged before the Office of the Ombudsman for the alleged harassment and near manning of Senator Orlan Mauricio of People's Tonight.

Accused of grave oral defamation and violation of the law curbing the surreptitious publication and illegal award of judicial notices were acting clerk of court Jesus Miranda, deputy sheriff Emerico Sicat and officer Ponciano Pangilinan.

Mauricio claimed he was waiting for a hearing last Tuesday when Miranda approached him at the court's corridor and dragged him by the shoulder into the clerk of court's office.

Sensing danger, Mauricio resisted and ran. Sicat and Pangilinan chased him.

"Taratando ka! Sulat ka nang sulat, hindi mo naman alam kung ano ang sinusulat mo.", Mauricio quoted Miranda as shouting to him.

"Gago ka, P... inamo, ang yabang yabang mo," Sicat added while Pangilinan yelled "P... inamo ka, taratando! Bumalik ka rito Mauricio said his complaint.

Mauricio said the three court personnel were pacified only when he sought the assistance of Pfc. Wilfredo Paulo of the Angeles City Police Station whose office was in front of the RTC building.

Ex-convict shot: Pampanga — An ex-convict was shot to death when he tried to grab the gun of one of his two police escorts along Tanedo Street in Tarlac, Tarlac.

Lt Col Rodrigo Beloyo, Tarlac PC-INP Provincial Commander, said Melchor Rivera Jr., 24, of Barangay Carangan, Tarlac and an ex-convict facing robbery and theft charges in court, was being escorted to the Tarlac police station when the shooting occurred.

The PC report said that Rivera was earlier arrested by Pfc. Edgar Dayot. Pfc. Generalino Pascua, both of Tarlac INP for illegal possession of a cal. 22 revolver (Palitik) inside the Tarlac public market.

While being escorted to the Tarlac police station on board a motorized tricycle, Rivera allegedly grabbed the service pistol of Pascua, prompting Dayot to shoot the suspect.

Investigators said the victim was hit in the head and breast. He died on the spot.

Hot argument kills: A construction worker at Shoemart's megamall on EDSA in Mandaluyong was shot by the site's chief security officer over an argument.

Bentito Lasabia, 44, of 165 Romano St. in Magsaysay Village, tondo took bullet in the left chest. The bullet pierced his heart.

Other construction workers rushed him to the Mandaluyong Medical Centre where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

Chief security officer Bert Magno of RONC Security Agency escaped with his .38 revolver.

Policemen led by an case officer Pfc. Edgardo Velasquez failed to get Magno in his house at No. 48 Matapang St., Diliman, Quezon City.

The two men were seen arguing near the gate of the construction site at about 9 am.

A witness told Pfc. Velasquez he saw Magno slap once in the left cheek.

Lawyer stabbed: A Tondo lawyer was stabbed to death while he and his wife were on their way to a court hearing in Navotas.

Armando L. Agcaoili, 55, of 2136 F. Rodriguez St., Balut, suffered six wounds in the body. He did not reach the Tondo General Hospital alive.

Agcaoili's wife Elizabeth, 41, said the suspect was between 30 and 35 years old and about 5'5".

They were walking towards Honorio Lopez Bliga to take a ride to Navotas where the lawyer was to attend a land dispute hearing when the killers struck.

"Naglalakad kami nang matalos ako, Inayos ko ang sapatos ko habang naunang maglakad at mister ko nang makita kong sunod-sunod na saksikan siya noong tao," Elizabeth told Pfc. Benjamin Ines.

Agcaoili had been the lawyer of poor clients involved in a land dispute with rich landowners, his wife said.

Homicide investigators believe Agcaoili's killing had something to do with one of the cases he was handling.

Jinggoy ready for probe:

SAN JUAN Vice-Mayor Jose Estrada said he is ready to face any investigation body about his alleged interference in the release of four suspected smugglers and dared the councilor asking for the probe to sign if it would be proven that he had done nothing wrong.

"Kung malakas anglobo mong manira ng kapwa, dapat malakas din ang loob mo na mag-resign kung sakaling mapatunayan mo sa sarili mo na ikaw ay mal," Estrada told Councilor Domingo Sesé, before calling him a gay.

Estrada had claimed that Estrada intervened when four Mercedes Benz in a 40-foot van were spotted by policemen while being unloaded along Eisenhower St. in Greenhills, San Juan.

Estrada said the cars were consigned to Santiago Mathay, brother of Quezon City Rep. Ismael Mathay who was a neighbor of Estrada in Valle Verde Subdivision in Pasig.

"They were imported from Germany," Sesé said. "The vice-mayor ordered the policemen led by one Sgt. Santiago to let the cars be unloaded."

"The vice-mayor did not even bother to verify or check the veracity of the documents for the cars," Sesé said, adding that the cars were not delivered to Mathay's house but to some businessmen instead.

Estrada pointed out to the council that he never gave the release order for the cars. He and Rep. Mathay only went to the scene to show more papers for the cars to the policemen.

Estrada also cited San Juan Police chief Col. Bayani Blanco's statement that the cars were properly documented so the policemen so the policemen released them.

"Hindi ako natatakot na humarap sa anumang imbestigasyon sapagkat ako ay tunay na lalaki hindi tulad mo na isang binabae," Estrada told Sesé.

Sesé replied, "Maganda sana ang iyong speech vice-mayor kung hindi ng lamang scripted."

Three Villamor men accused: Three Villamor Air Base officers will be cited for contempt if the Sandiganbayan finds true the report that some Air Force soldiers suspected of assassinating former Senator Benigno Aquino Jr. roamed freely at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA).

The anti-graft court's third division presided by Justice Conrado Molina set for hearing statements of Air Force Col Alfredo Reyes, special service unit commanding officer Col Sergio P. Austria and Primo Quinones, in charge of the detention centre where the Aquino slay suspects were held.

NAIA general manager Eduardo Carrasco testified before the Sandiganbayan that Customs District 3 collector Zafiro Respicio told him that soldiers C2C Rogelio Moreno, Sgt. Arnulfo de Mesa and Sgt. Claro Lat were seen facilitating the passage of a cargo from Australia.

Respicio said the three soldiers' identity was revealed to him by an airport personnel he did not name.

The Sandiganbayan investigation came after People's Tonight carried a story about the incident quoting Customs Intelligence and Investigation Service chief Rudy Buendia.

Buendia said the information was gathered by his men.

Watch out house buyers: The National Housing Authority (NHA) warned the public against unscrupulous individuals who are posing as NHA employees and selling lots in Dagat-Dagatan.

The NHA has filed charges of falsification of public documents against a certain Roberto Albia of 210-E Samson Road, Kalookan City.

NHA legal counsel Mario Escorber charged that Albia, representing himself as an employee, delivered to spouses Felipe and Eufemia Esculatura a notice of award purportedly signed by NHA general manager Onicio Jacob.

Montano linked to gambling ring

Bicol executives in vice rackets

MAJ. GEN. Ramon Montano, acting Armed Forces chief of staff, several other ranking military men and top civilian officials in the Bicol region were linked to illegal gambling and other vices in the region.

Sen. Ernesto Macea, chairman of the Senate committee on defense and national security, denounced these officials in a privilege speech.

Macea quoted an "asset" (informant) of his committee as saying that Montano, during one of his inspection visits to the area, was given his weekly share from six provinces and three cities which ran to six figures.

Montano promptly denied the senator's allegations and dared Macea to be "Man enough" to repeat them outside the halls of Congress so he could file charges.

"If you want to accuse people, you should not hide under the umbrella of parliamentary immunity," Montano said. He added that Macea should be "man enough to come out in the open."

In a related development, the Senate committee on games and amusement last night urged the abolition of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR), including all gambling casinos, by Dec. 31, 1992.

The consolidated bill, presented by Macea, committee chairman, seeks to dissociate the government from all gambling activities which, he said, do not contribute much to economic growth.

Macea quoted "assets" of his committee in his exposé. He said gambling lords in Albay are relatives of the governor and Gen. Renato de Villa, AFP chief of staff.

The senator said gambling activities in the province were "so pervasive" they resulted in a mutiny and a raid on the 247th PC Company in San Nicolas, Iriga City last week.

Quoting Maj. Gen. Felix Brawner (ret.), a member of the Senate defense committee's technical staff, Macea said there was, indeed, a gunfight between Army soldiers identified with the Albay governor and PC troopers identified with the regional command and the provincial commander "over the division of spoils" from all forms of illegal gambling there.

"The Iriga incident is just the tip of the iceberg," Macea said.

He said a May 24, 1989, letter from one of the committee's "assets" in Legazpi City alleged that Montano, who is concurrent chief of the Philippine Constabulary and the Integrated National Police, collected "tong" from his men in the region running to six figures.

The gambling protectors include officers from Brig. Gen. Marino Filart, Recom 5 commander, to his sergeants, the informant claimed. Macea said.

"General Montano had announced an all-out campaign against all

forms of gambling. As usual, the common people remain skeptical and unimpressed because it was all "palabas" and propaganda," Macea said.

The senator also cited an Aug. 20, 1989 letter of Camarines Sur Gov. Luis Villafuerte to Col. Rufio Fulido, PC provincial commander, as another proof of the military's involvement in illegal activities.

Macea quoted Villafuerte as telling Fulido that PC soldiers and officers protecting illegal gambling in his area "were upset that their source of 'payola' was bleeding out" because of the governor's cam-

paign against vice in the province.

Villafuerte said three of his men were ambushed while performing their task of stopping illegal gambling in the province.

Macea also cited "intelligence reports" naming Filart as one of the "cooks" participating in bigtime illegal derbies in the province.

Among the prominent cockfighting aficionados regularly seen at the derbies were Legazpi Mayor Fely Imperial, Tabaco Mayor Tony Demetrio, and Rodrigo Diago Loreto and Tomas Ranola, both Bicol gambling lords, and several Army and PC officers, city and provincial officials, Macea said.

The reports also said justeng is flourishing under the protection of police and military officials in six provinces in the Bicol region. Bet collectors allegedly include barangay captains, councilmen and newly appointed members of the Civilian Armed Forces Geographical Unit (CAFGU).

Macea said another bigtime derby operator is Demetrio Solon of Tabaco, Albay who is allegedly protected by Mayor Tony Demetrio. Sen. Victor Ziga, who hails from Albay, confirmed this.

"Col. Marino Filart is the same regional commander whose attention we had called in connection with the charge of then Congressman Moises Espinosa that the provincial commander of Masbate was in cahoots with his (Espinosa's) political enemies in the province and was running a province wide operation of gambling, illegal logging, fishing and the like in Masbate," Macea said.

"There were already six or seven attempts on the life of Espinosa then but they (military) did not take appropriate action," he said.

Macea said he already called the attention of De Villa to the anomalous activities taking place in the Recom 5 headquarters and the reported manipulation by Filart to convert 60 per cent of funds allocated to Recom 5 for his personal use.

Filart, Macea said, is managing P500,000 worth of fish cages in Lake Buli, with platoons of soldiers "doing nothing but to guard the interest of the Recom 5 'crocodiles'."

He said Governor Villafuerte, Padilla, Espinosa and Armando had complained to no avail, against the almost daily encounters in the Bicol area between rival soldiers over gambling spoils.

Macea said despite these accusations, Filart had been promoted to brigadier general. The senator also noted that Filart was named during the last PC Day rites as the best regional commander although he was among some generals who had been told by the Commission on Appointments to answer charges of unexplained wealth.

"Something has to be done. I have put my life on the line. After this, I cannot go to the Bicol area for the next few months," Macea said.



By Jim Gomez

INVOKING the principle of separation of powers, President Aquino rejected the demand of House leaders that she shuffle the Cabinet or fire officials holding multiple positions in the government.

Ms Aquino said she would welcome a congressional probe of the charge made by Senate Majority Floor Leader Teofisto Guingona that 10 Cabinet members and 47 other top government officials violated the Constitution by occupying directorships in various government corporations and receiving hefty compensation.

"I believe it is best for us to wait for what the Supreme Court will decide on this matter," she said.

Several congressmen urged the President to immediately revamp her Cabinet and fire officials holding more than two positions in government.

Speaker Pro-Tempore Antonio Cuenco (LDP, Cebu) endorsed the proposal, saying Ms. Aquino should recruit new members of her Cabinet.

"If she will not fire them, at



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least she should reshuffle them when there is conflict of interests," said Minority Floor Leader Rodolfo Albano (KBL, Isabela).

But Ms Aquino said in a press briefing: "I understand that in a parliamentary form of government, the members of the parliament can always initiate a Cabinet revamp. In our presidential form of government they are co-equal ... and all independent of each other."

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Executive Order 284 issued on July 25, 1987 allows Cabinet members and other executive officials to hold two additional posts aside from the positions to which they were originally appointed.

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Samar Island in agony

Cory asked: Halt military drives

By Danny Petilla

A SAMAR congressman asked President Aquino to order the suspension of military operations on the islands to facilitate relief operations for thousands of starving people.

Rep. Venancio Garduce (LDP, Samar) made the call after he received reports that thousands of people fled their homes this week when the military started bombing suspected rebel strongholds in at least five towns in Samar and Eastern Samar.

The military operations have reportedly compounded the problems of Samareños, who are still reeling from a series of natural calamities that have caused widespread hunger and deaths in the island.

The Samar Alliance, a group of Manila-based professionals, has launched a Food for Samar drive to solicit relief goods for the three Samar provinces. On its second day, a total of P163,100 has been contributed to the campaign.

Garduce said in an interview that military search-and-destroy operations have done more misery than the poverty of people in Samar.

"This is a war of poverty, not a war of ideology," he said. "It is only the President, being the commander in chief, who can intercede in the present crisis in Samar and stop the military operations."

At least 500 families fled their homes in Dolores, Borongan, Maydolong and Llorente in Eastern Samar and Basey, Samar after the military bombed several

barangays suspected of being rebel-infested, according to Roy Montes, Eastern Samar provincial board member.

Relief workers and evacuation centers were having a hard time feeding the evictees, Montes said.

Several non-government organizations have mobilized volunteers to undertake relief work in the Samar provinces, but they have expressed fears of military harassment.

Edgar Dones, secretary general of the Council for the Development of Samar Island (coidev), one of the organizations working for the rehabilitation of the island, said military officials in Samar should assure the volunteers that they would not be harassed so the relief work can be undertaken successfully.

However, Maj. Edilberto Tio, spokesman of the Army's 8th Infantry Division based in Cabatagan, has been telling people over local radio stations that the non-government organizations were communists.

In the interview, Garduce also assailed Samar Gov. Antonio Bolastig for succumbing to pressure from big logging firms and supporting their bid to have the logging ban lifted in Samar.

Bolastig, Garduce's political enemy, is co-chairman of the Regional Development Council which petitioned the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to lift the ban on commercial logging.

Indiscriminate logging, both by conces-

sions and illegal operators, has been blamed for the denudation of the island and the severe floods which inundated most of the island earlier this year.

"Bolastig is prone to all these machinations," Garduce said in reference to the alleged lobbying by commercial loggers.

Garduce also criticised Eastern Samar Rep. Jose Tan Ramirez for proposing that personal donations made by lawmakers to the relief fund for Samar be course through the Department of Social Welfare and Development (Dswd).

Many congressmen pledged to donate from P1,000 to P5,000 from their salaries to the relief fund, after a series of articles on the plight of Samareños were published.

"The Dswd has its own relief programme so why channel the money through it?" Garduce said, as he noted that people have lost confidence in the welfare agency after relief goods were sold allegedly by its personnel.

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tified during a public hearing that they had bought corned beef, labelled *Boycage*, from certain individuals at prices ranging from P15 to P22.

Martiniiana Mercado, DSWD regional director, said not a single can of the donated corned beef were distributed since April this year.

But National Bureau of Investigation officials in Eastern Visayas said they were working on leads that would link DSWD personnel to the sale of the relief goods.

Also during the hearing, Northern Samar Gov. Harlin Abayon confirmed that hunger was widespread in his province.

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MANILA: Foreigners in daily transactions at the Commission on Immigration and Deportation (CID) lauded the CID systems and procedures in the processing of documents, Rudy Macayan, officer assigned to the CID information section, said.

The systematic procedures in the processing of CID documents, especially at the Alien Registration Centre, were introduced by Commissioner Miriam Defensor Santiago, now agrarian reform secretary.

The same systems and procedures are adopted under the administration of Immigration Commissioner Bienvenido Alano Jr because they are very effective, Macayan said.

BAGUIO CITY: Filipino war veterans will set up cooperatives nationwide starting this year in an effort to uplift the economic standard and dignity of the country's heroes and their dependents.

Rep. Eduardo Pilapil, president of the Veterans Federation of the Philippines-Sons and Daughters Association Inc., disclosed this programme in speech delivered before delegates to the first convention-seminar on veteranism which is being held at Teachers Camp here.

He said that the establishment of the cooperatives nationwide is intended to alleviate the plight of the old soldiers.

Pilapil said that the organization, which has a membership of 2.5 million, will set up credit and marketing cooperatives in all legislative districts nationwide with the assistance of the government.

LAOAG CITY: A letter complaint for alleged graft and corruption filed against Gov. Rodolfo Farinas with the office of the ombudsman was disowned by provincial board member Nestor Corpuz of Ilocos Norte.

He told the Bulletin that somebody used his name in the filing the complaint, saying he has "no knowledge about it."

Ombudsman Conrado Vasquez wrote to the wrong person when he addressed to me a notice of action about the complaint, Corpuz said.

The Vasquez letter said the records of "Corpuz vs. Farinas consisting of 20 pages were forwarded to Deputy Ombudsman for Luzon Manuel C. Domingo for appropriate action.

Earlier, a certain "Atty. Nestor Corpuz" resident of La Union, was quoted in a news story alleging that Farinas had "misused some cash advances from the provincial government ranging from P5,000 to P1 million in 1988."

Farinas had denied the report.

SAN FERNANDO: La Union Rep. Rodrigo Gutang was virtually snubbed when senior military officers and enlisted men of the Regional Command headquarters in this province failed to welcome the congressman upon arrival here to discuss his bill on the proposed creation of the Philippine National Police (PNP).

Except for the Recom 1 officer-on-duty, Gutang, now concluding his weeklong sortie of Northern Luzon, was greeted with placards criticizing him for his bill.

Not one of the three military regional officials — Recom 1 commander Brig. Gen. Miguel Abaya, his deputy Col Diocesario Yorro, to Col Romeo Odi, Recom 1 chief of staff — was on hand to receive the congressman.

This was considered by political analysts here as a way to show to Gutang the military's objection to his PNP bill which if enacted would mandate all military men to take eligibility examinations.

But certain regional staff members here clarified that it was not their intention to snub Gutang because they said the personnel at the headquarters, including the senior officers, have been mobilized to assist in the relief and rescue operations of 50,000 families affected by typhoon "Goring."

Placards severely criticizing Gutang were strategically placed on the streets where Gutang passed.

ANGELES CITY: Mayor Antonio Abad Santos of this city said four brand-new cars equipped with modern communication facilities will be given to the local police to boost the peace and order campaign in the city.

Abad Santos said that Councilor Carlito Ganzon

will sponsor a resolution authorizing the city government to buy the vehicles with funds provided by the Philippine Amusement and Games Corp. (Pagcor).

The new cars will improve the mobility of the Angeles Metropolitan command headed by Maj. Julius Yarcia and the local police force headed by Maj. Federico Pineda. At present, the police department has several patrol jeeps provided by the Angeles Foundation, multi-sectoral organization here, and the Recom 3 PC-INP command in Camp Olivas.

Abad Santos said that a new program on peace and order is now underway. It aims to minimize threats against persons and property by criminal elements with the fielding of more police patrols.

MANILA: Tensions are high again the other day at the strike-bound Silahis International Hotel when a military truck, escorted by eight fully armed soldiers, broke through picket lines and brought in supplies for hotel personnel.

Teddy Gimpayan, secretary of the Silahis International Hotel Employees and Workers Union (SIHWEU), said the soldiers pointed their high-powered guns on the workers who tried to prevent the truck from entering the hotel premises.

Gimpayan said the truck which was laden with foodstuffs, linens and other basic items had markings of the National Capital Regional Defence Command.

Brig. Gen. Rodolfo Diaz, NCRDC chief, said he did not authorize his men to use of the NCRDC truck.

"They have no business being there. That's purely a police matter," an angry Diaz told newsmen. "They are going to be sacked. I am going to chop off their heads. They are going to be canned."

Col Jose Lachica, NCRDC operations chief, admitted he sent the soldiers to the hotel to "rescue" the wife of a certain Lieutenant Tanalgo. Diaz said he is aide de camp.

Tanalgo, according to Lachica, had "requested" for the transport and the soldiers.

Sources from the Silahis Hotel said the soldiers were paid by the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation to ensure the continuous operation of its casino.

Rogelio Bangsil, PAGCOR assistant branch manager, denied the charge.

The SIHWEU, an affiliate of the militant Kilusang Mayo Uno, went on strike this month following a deadlock in the collective bargaining negotiations and alleged unfair labour practices by the Panhilo family, one of the controlling owners of the hotel.

One union officer has already been killed while three others seriously injured. He said some 300 armed goons from Cavite, Malabon and Navotas have been hired by management to harass the union.

BALANGA: Bataan: Two suspected drug addicts buried the South Central Elementary School in barangay Parang-Parang in Orani town, this province, shortly before midnight Thursday, displacing more than 200 pupils and the faculty members.

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SPORTS

Athletics World Cup finals start

US and E. Germany lead



Husband and wife hurdlers David Patrick and Sandra Farmer-Patrick celebrate their victories. (Reuter wirephoto)



Quirot (No. 203) takes the baton from Grace Jackson on the last leg of the 4x400m relay. (Reuter wirephoto)

Clearwater stays ahead in BC Open

ENDICOTT, N.Y., Sept. 9. (Reuter): Keith Clearwater, suffering from a severe cold, shot a three-under-par 68 yesterday to preserve a one-stroke lead midway through the BC Open golf tournament.

Clearwater finished the day on 133, hotly pursued by Jim Gallagher, Bob Estes, Gil Morgan and Dave Eighenthaler.

Clearwater expressed surprise at Carding his second successive sub-par round at the En Joie Country Club course considering he felt he should be in bed.

"My legs are like jelly and my equilibrium goes whenever I have a head cold," said Clearwater. "I stood over putts and just sort of wobbled. You really aren't out there with a cold, but you don't feel intense enough to get mad."

Clearwater started on the back nine for his round and collected bogeys on the 13th and 16th holes before finishing his front nine with two birdies. He then birdied the first (his 10th), the third and the eighth for his 68 total.

"I started very poorly, I was two over after seven holes," Clearwater said. "But then I played the last 11 at five-under. I only had about four hours of sleep, but if you play good you really don't care how you feel."

Clearwater won two events in 1987 during his first year on the money list with almost \$30,000 in earnings, but that looks certain to improve.

Two strokes behind Clearwater are Jim Boors and local favorite Mike Hulbert, with Ed Dougherty, Noloan Henke and Fuzzy Zoeller one stroke farther back.

Canadian takes one-shot lead

BEAVERTON, Ore., Sept. 9. (Reuter): Canadian Dawn Coe shot a four-under-par 68 yesterday to take a one-stroke first-round lead in a \$250,000 women's golf tournament.

Coe had five birdies and one bogey around the 6,258-yard Riverside Gold and Country Club course near Portland, Oregon.

One stroke behind at 69 were Americans Shelly Hamlin and first-year professional Caroline Keggi, followed by five golfers including Spaniard Marta Figueras-Dotti on 70.

"I think the golf course is in wonderful shape," said Coe. "The Greens are quick. The faster the greens the better it is for me."

BARCELONA, Spain, Sept. 9. (UPI): Defending champions United States and East Germany led the men and women's competitions respectively as the fifth Athletics World Cup finals began in miserable, rainy weather at the Olympic stadium last night.

The United States held the lead in the men's match with 42 points from Britain, Africa and Europe who were all on 39 points.

East Germany was fifth with 29 points, followed by the Americas on 22, Spain and Oceania on 21 and Asia ninth on 16 points.

East Germany's women, who have won the last three World Cups, led with 39 points from the Soviet Union second on 33, followed by the Americas on 29, Europe and the United States on 26, Asia, 22, Africa 21, and Oceania and Spain, both on 14.

But the women's standings could change because a protest has been lodged regarding the disqualification of the Europe team from the women's 4 x 400 metres relay.

The outstanding performance on a night when rainy, windy and cold conditions made life unpleasant for athletes and spectators alike, came in the men's 100 metres with Britain's Linford Christie, the Olympic silver medallist, winning in his fastest time of the season, 10.10 seconds.

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But a mix-up in the women's 4 x 400 metres relay seemed to symbolise a chaotic night when the rain delayed the start of the meeting and prevented King Juan Carlos' private jet arriving at Barcelona airport from Madrid because of the storm.

It was not the most auspicious start to the inaugural meeting for the stadium which has been rebuilt to host the 1992 Olympic Games.

The mixup came when Celena Mondie of the United States did not hear the second gun signalling a false start to the race and sprinted almost 200 metres on her own before stopping. The Americas, anchored by Cuban Ana Quirot eventually won the race in 3:23.05.

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McLean, the only man to win three European Cup 800 metres titles, won his first World Cup honour with a well-controlled run in a respectable 1:44.95 in the conditions.

Kenya's Nixon Kiprotich led until the final bend when McLean came wide to pass him and then held on as Kiprotich and East German Jens-Peter Herold tried to rally. Herold took second place in 1:45.04 and Kiprotich was third in 1:45.08.

Akabusi, the European Cup winner, was almost hit by a falling firework rocket in the opening ceremony, which was delayed for more than half-an-hour.

American Patrick won the first event of the three day meet, the men's 400 metres hurdles, in his fastest time of the year, 48.74 seconds. Nigerian Henry Amike of Africa finished strongly to beat Akabusi (49.42).

Patrick's wife Sandra made it a family winning double when she raced to victory in the women's 400 metres hurdles in 53.84.

World champion Moeller of East Germany added a World Cup gold to the European Cup title she won in Gateshead a month ago with an expected victory in the 200 metres in 22.46 seconds.

But Mary Onyai of Nigeria, a student at Texas Southern University gave Africa eight points by edging out Olympic silver medallist Grace Jackson of Jamaica, running for the Americas, in second place. Jackson timed 22.82 seconds and Jackson, who had the advantage of running in lane one, clocked 22.87 seconds.

Leroy Burrell, the fastest man in the world this year with 9.94 seconds, took second in 10.15 for the United States with Frenchman Daniel Sanguine picking up third place for Europe in 10.17.



Ethiopia's Addis Abebe (far left) leads the pack in the 10,000 metres followed by Antibo as they pass a large puddle made by the rain. (Reuter wirephoto)

Fairbrother hits 161 against Yorkshire

LONDON, Sept. 9. (Reuters): Neil Fairbrother led the way as batsmen dominated the day's action in the English County Cricket Championship.

Fairbrother hit a brilliant 161 to lift Lancashire to an all-out total of 347 from 98 overs against Yorkshire at Scarborough.

He figured in a third-wicket stand of 142 in 38 overs with Graeme Fowler (58), and reached his third century of the season from 121 balls.

Fairbrother hit his two sixes and 18 fours on his way to 100, and had his 23 fours by the time he fell to 18-year-old spinner Jeremy Batty, who marked his championship debut with three for 75.

Paul Parker and David Smith scored centuries as Sussex inflicted a frustrating day in the field on Middlesex at Lord's. They added 191 in 76 overs for the second wicket to boost Sussex to 313 for four at the close. Parker finished unbeaten 127 after reaching his century off 280 balls, while Smith made 129 — his fourth century of the summer.

There were also two century mak-

Neil Fairbrother
Paul Parker

Border back home after tour

BRISBANE, Australia, Sept. 9. (Reuters): Australian captain Allan Border received a standing ovation from waiting cricket supporters at Brisbane airport on his arrival home from the victorious Ashes tour today.

Border was as surprised by his reception as by the news that defeated England captain David Gower and all-rounder Ian Botham had been left out of the English squad to tour West Indies next year.

"It seems a bit odd. I just thought they still had a fair bit to contribute as players, albeit not as members of the hierarchy, on that tour," Border told reporters.

Australia beat the home side 4-0 to win the Ashes in England for the first time in more than 50 years, a result Border admitted he never expected when he left Australia in May for the tour.

"No way in the world. On paper they had a very strong side," he said. "I was quite confident about our chances but I don't envisage anything like the 4-0 result. Had the weather been better, conceivably we could have won the series 6-0."

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All Filcheck members are requested to attend the general meeting on Thursday, September 14 at 6:30 pm. at Kabayan Restaurant to determine rating. Would-be members are also requested to come.

Botham blasts Dexter

LONDON, Sept. 9. (Reuters): England reject Ian Botham yesterday blasted Ted Dexter and his selection panel for their "macabre" decision to ignore him for the tour to West Indies.

He also pledged to embarrass Dexter by proving him wrong with a feast of runs and wickets next year.

The 33-year-old all-rounder, the veteran of 99 Tests, said the decision by Dexter was "the greatest disappointment" of his cricketing career.

Botham, who had previously said he would never go on a cricket tour again, recently declared himself available for the West Indies series.

Shortly after the squad was announced Botham said in a radio interview: "So much was done to persuade me to go and now suddenly they are saying 'no.' It is macabre."

"Playing for England still means a lot to me — otherwise, I wouldn't have re-arranged my winter and declared myself available."

When Dexter announced the squad, he said Botham had not shown the form to justify selection.

But Botham countered: "The tour doesn't start until January 27, so what form will anyone be in by then?

"Surely everyone will be starting fresh, and I would have thought a player with around 5,500 runs and 370 wickets in 90-odd Tests would have warranted consideration.

French union accused of amateur rules breach

TOULOUSE, France, Sept. 9. (Reuters): Top French and British Rugby League officials accused the French Rugby Union yesterday of blantly breaching their own rules on amateurism.

Jean-Paul Verdague, president of the French Rugby League, accused the French Union of offering League players cash to play union instead.

The Rugby Union Central Division is in a two-way dogfight between the Chicago Bears and the Minnesota Vikings.

The Bears traded quarterback Jim McMahon to the San Diego Chargers, ending the long feud between the flamboyant passer and coach Mike Ditka. The Vikings, however, are the most solid defensive team in the NFL.

In the East the New York Giants, Washington Redskins and the Philadelphia Eagles earned themselves with off-season acquisitions and a smart college draft.

One of the most controversial of the new rules adopted by the NFL will penalise the home team one timeout each time the game has to be stopped for crowd noise. When the three timeouts are used up a penalty of five yards will be imposed.

Threatened to poach top French union players into British Rugby League.

If French Rugby Union wants to declare war on League, the big English clubs, who have plenty of money, will buy the young French players so they don't go to union," he said.

In Britain in recent years several top rugby union players have been poached away by attractive money offers to Rugby League.

Verdague claimed top French Rugby Union clubs Marmande and Agen had offered sums totalling 320,000 francs (\$51,000) to international League players Daniel Verdes and Eric Vergniol.

Roman to fight Laciar

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 9. (Reuters): Mexico's Gilberto Roman hopes it will be third time lucky when he defends his World Boxing Council (WBC) super-flyweight crown on Tuesday against Argentine Santos Laciar.

Former champion Roman has twice fought Laciar and twice struggled. In their first bout in 1986, the Mexican barely held on to his title when Laciar battled him to a draw.

The last time they met, in May 1987, Laciar stopped a battered and bloodied Roman in the 11th round to win the WBC title.

Laciar lost the championship on a points decision to Colombia's Jesus Rojas three months later, then Roman regained it with a unanimous points decision over Rojas in April 1988.



An action shot from one of last year's games.

Cowboys' sidelines in place of Landry.

Selbst has already made one change at San Francisco — ending last year's quarterback controversy by declaring that Joe

Montana will be the starter with Steve Young as his backup. At Dallas oil millionaire Jerry Jones, who bought the team and summarily fired Landry, the only coach Dallas had ever known,

may find success harder to come by, even under Johnson, his former college roommate.

Jones is pinning his hopes on quarterback Troy Aikman to justify his \$11 million contract by

Graf overcomes Sabatini

McEnroe ends drought

NEW YORK, Sept 9. (Reuters): John McEnroe snapped a five-year Grand Slam title drought by teaming with Mark Woodforde to win the US Open doubles title yesterday.

"I'm surprised that it has been five years. This is a nice feeling," McEnroe said after the seventh seeded team defeated the former US Open champions and fourth seeded team of Ken Flach and Robert Seguso 4-6 6-3 6-3.

McEnroe's last Grand Slam crown was the 1984 US Open singles title. His last major doubles victory came in 1984 at Wimbledon with longtime partner Peter Fleming, who retired last year.

McEnroe's fourth US Open doubles title was his 16th career Grand Slam crown. In singles he has won four US Opens and three Wimbledons. In doubles he has won four Wimbledons and the French Open mixed title in 1977.

The day was historic as well for Woodforde who threw his racket high into the air after triumphing in his first Grand Slam final and sharing the \$104,000 first prize.



Sabatini reacts to her defeat. (Reuter wirephoto)

"I'll remember this day for the rest of my life," the Australian left-hander said.

Meanwhile, all four men's semifinalists will be hoping to write a footnote in history at the US Open tennis championships, while Martina Navratilova and Steffi Graf will be happy to walk off with the women's crown in the first set.

The final will be a replay of Wimbledon, where Graf won in three sets to defend her title. Navratilova leads their lifetime series 7-5 but Graf has won the last two meetings.

On the men's side, top-seeded Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia takes on sixth-seeded American Andre Agassi while second-seeded Wimbledon champion Boris Becker of West Germany also faces a US opponent in Aaron Krickstein, the 14th seed.

Lendl and Agassi met in last year's semifinal, with the Czech winning in four sets. Becker has never lost a set in four matches against Krickstein.

Lendl would earn a share of a US Open record if he beats Agassi, against whom he holds a 6-0 record. By reaching the final he would equal American Bill Tilden's mark of playing in eight successive US finals from 1918 to 1925.



Navratilova returns the ball to Garrison. (Reuter wirephoto)

Lendl, of course, has even grander aspirations.

"I don't play this tournament to get into the final. I play this tournament to win," said the Connecticut-based Czechoslovak who has worn the crown three times.

If Agassi can beat Lendl and win the title, the Las Vegas teenager would become the tournament's youngest men's champion at 19 years and 5 months.

Oliver Campbell was 19 years 6 months old when he won in 1989.

Becker has never been able to duplicate his Wimbledon success, where he has won three singles titles. If he wins this weekend, he would become the tournament's first men's singles champion from West Germany.

Krickstein, who is enjoying his finest showing ever in a Grand Slam, has the opportunity to become the lowest seeded champion since the US Open went to 16 seeds in 1968. At present the honour belongs to Australian John Newcombe who was number 10 in 1973.



Graf watches her return shot to Sabatini. (Reuter wirephoto)

'Hooligans must be kept at home'

ZURICH, Switzerland, Sept 9. (AP): English clubs will not be readmitted to European soccer tournaments unless the government pledges to keep convicted hooligans from traveling to games abroad, a top European soccer official said yesterday.

Gerhard Aigner, general secretary of the Union of European Football Associations, said UEFA's conditions would not be fulfilled by British government plans to restrain only those fans convicted for hooliganism after the ban on English clubs is lifted. He said UEFA wants to keep all convicted rowdies, past and future, off the continent.

Interviewed by the Zurich newspaper *Tages-Anzeiger*, Aigner noted that UEFA's April decision to readmit clubs in the 1990-91 season is conditional on the government's backing the application and pledging full observance of a European convention against violence, which stipulates control of travelling fans.

Convicted rowdies would have to register with authorities on the day of games, making it impossible to travel to the continent, he said.

"The English government now takes the position that this rule is only for the future, not retroactively," Aigner said.

"We do not accept that the English government backs participation of its clubs without committing itself to keep convicted hooligans back in England," he added. "Conflicts would be inevitable."

He urged the government to "jump over its shadow" and agree to UEFA's demand when it decides its position on the return of English clubs next April.

"We insist on it," he said.

UEFA banned English clubs from the three European tournaments after the deadly 1985 European Cup final riot at Heysel stadium in Brussels, blamed mostly on English fans.

Millwall sweep aside Coventry

LONDON, Sept 9. (Reuters): Unsung Millwall deposed Coventry from the top of the English Soccer League today with an emphatic 4-1 victory.

Coventry went to the head of the First Division 10 days ago for the first time in their 106-year history.

But they were a goal down at Millwall after only 44 seconds and looked distinctly second best for much of the rest of the game.

Norwich, who started the day in second place, bungled their chance of going top when they could scramble only a 4-4 draw in a breathless affair at home to Southampton.

The dropped points opened the way for Everton who beat injury-hit Manchester United 3-2 at Goodison Park.

Champions Arsenal moved into the top half of the division with a thumping 5-0 win at home to bottom club Sheffield Wednesday, while title favourites Liverpool won 3-0 at Derby; a 50th minute goal from striker Ian Rush setting them on their way.

In Scotland, Mo Johnston struck his first goal for Glasgow Rangers, the only score in the defeat of Aberdeen.

But city rivals Celtic were beaten 1-0 by St Mirren, the side who won at Rangers on the opening day of the season.

Teddy Sheringham gave Millwall their early lead, driving past Coventry goalkeeper Steve Ogrizovic from close in after a strong header forward from David Thompson had caught the visiting defence unprepared.

Sheringham struck again 12 minutes later when his low free kick took a wicked deflection off the defensive wall and left Ogrizovic helpless.

Results

	English Division One			English Division Four			
Arsenal	5	Sheffield Wed	0	Aldershot	0	Southend	5
Aston Villa	2	Tottenham	0	Bury	1	Exeter	0
Chelsea	2	Notts Forest	2	Cambridge	1	Chesterfield	1
Crystal P	2	Wimbledon	3	Carlisle	1	Grimsby	2
Derby	0	Liverpool	3	Doncaster	0	Peterborough	3
Exeter	3	Manchester U	3	Leeds	1	Millwall	2
London	1	Charlton	0	Middlesb	0	Stoke	1
Manchester C	1	QPR	1	Scunthorpe	0	Scarborough	1
Millwall	4	Coventry	1	Torquay	0	Lincoln	3
Norwich	4	Southampton	4	Wrexham	2	Halifax	1
				York	1	Rochdale	1
				Colchester	1	Hertford	1
						Scottish Premier Division	
Bournemouth	2	Newcastle	1	Dundee	2	Hearts	2
Burton	1	Middlesbrough	1	Dundee	1	Motherwell	1
Leeds	1	Ipswich	1	Falkirk	1	Hibernian	2
Leicester	1	West Brom	2	Rangers	1	Dundee U	0
Oldham	3	Plymouth	2	Bury	1	Aberdeen	0
Oxford	2	Bradford	0	Port Vale	0	St Mirren	0
Portsmouth	2	Blackburn	2	Hull	1	Scottish Div Two	
Sheffield U	5	Brighton	4	Watford	2	St Johnstone	2
Sunderland	4	Watford	1	Swindon	0	Aber	4
West Ham	1	West Ham	0	St Johnstone	0	Allo	4
Wolves	0	Stoke	0	Clyde	2	Forfar	2
				Dundee	1	Hamilton	1
				Stirling	0	Martick	0
				Monrovia	0	Meadowbank	0
				Ruth	0	Airdrie	0
						Scottish Div Three	
Bolton	1	Cardiff	0	Clyde	2	Aber	4
Brentford	0	Reading	0	Dundee	1	Allo	4
Bristol City	2	Huddersfield	3	Falkirk	2	Forfar	2
Crews	2	Blackpool	0	Hamilton	1	Clydebank	2
Manfield	1	Fulham	3	Morton	0	Celtic	0
Notts County	0	Cardiff	0	Ruth	0	Coventry	0
Preston	3	Reading	3	Monrovia	4	Queens Park	1
Sheffield U	2	Huddersfield	3	Leyton O	2	Arbroath	1
Swansea	2	Blackpool	0	Northampton	0	Sir	2
Tranmere	2	Fulham	3			Brechin	0
Walsall	1	Cardiff	0				
Wigan	0	Reading	0				

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Falkirk 1 1 Dundee U 1 0

Hibs 0 0 Aberdeen 0 0

Hamilton 1 1 Cowdenbeath 0 0

Morton 0 0 Queen's Park 1 1

Ruth 0 0 Arbroath 1 1

Monrovia 4 4 Queens Park 1 1

Leyton O 2 2 Brechin 0 0

Northampton 0 0 Sir 0 0

Stirling 2 2 Brechin 0 0

Allo 4 4 Dundee 1 1

Arbroath 1 1 Dundee U 1 0

Queens Park 1 1 Dundee 1 0

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